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States

Yosemite fire: Park rangers discovered a body that resembles a man suspected of setting a 2,000-acre fire in Yosemite National Park, authorities said.

Rangers in a helicopter spotted the body Saturday in the Hatch Hetchy basin near Tihi Valley, less than a quarter-mile from where the fire was ignited, according to park spokesman Scott Gediman.

The body was sent to a medical examiner to determine its identity and the cause of death.

On Friday, hikers told authorities they had seen a man lighting fires and brandishing a gun on a trail in the basin, in the north-west portion of the park. Park rangers spotted the armed man from the air, but decided against actively pursuing him.

Florida voter list: Florida Gov. Jeb Bush ignored advice to throw out a flawed final voter list before it went out to county election offices despite warnings from state officials, according to a published report Saturday.

In a May 4 e-mail obtained by the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Florida Department of Law Enforcement computer expert Jeff Long told his boss that a Department of State computer expert had told him "that yesterday they recommended to the Gov that they 'pull the plug' " on the voter database.

A software program matched data on felons with voter registration rolls to create the list of 48,000 names. Secretary of State Glenda Hood junked the database in July.

Most were Democrats, and many were black, Hispanics, who often vote Republican in Florida, were almost entirely absent from the list due to a technical error.

State spokeswoman Jill Hester denied allegations that the governor ignored warnings about the list.

Smart kidnapping trial: Attorneys for the man accused of kidnapping Utah teenager Elizabeth Smart have filed a motion for the jury to be sequestered during the trial and the Bibles removed from their hotel rooms.

Lawyers for Brian David Mitchell, 50, argued in motions filed Friday that intense media coverage of the case could influence jurors if they are not sequestered. Lawyers asked that Bibles and other religious texts be removed from jurors' hotel rooms to "prevent prejudicial exposure."

Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Barzee, are accused of kidnapping Elizabeth, then 14, from her bedroom in June 2002. She was found in a Salt Lake City suburb nine months later.



Mitchell

World

North Korea nuclear program: U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell will visit Japan, China and South Korea next weekend, the State Department said Saturday, in what probably is an effort to restart six-nation talks about North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

The department said Powell would leave Friday and his discussions would deal with bilateral matters, regional security, stability "and issues such as the global war on terrorism, Iraq, North Korea and the six-party talks."

Russian school attacks: Forensic tests have shown that some of the terrorists who



Papal anniversary: Pope John Paul II thanked well-wishers Sunday for their messages and prayers as he marked the 26th anniversary of his election as pontiff. "I want to express my strong gratitude to those who sent their congratulations and remembered me in their prayers on the anniversary of my election," the pope said in his weekly address to a crowd in St. Peter's Square.

seized more than 1,000 hostages in a school in the southern Russian town of Beslan last month were drug addicts, a senior prosecutor was quoted as saying Sunday.

Nikolai Shepel, Russia's deputy prosecutor general, said forensic experts found traces of drugs in the bodies of some of the militants that exceeded normally lethal levels, indicating they were long-term drug addicts, according to a statement carried by the Interfax and ITAR-Tass news agencies.

Tests also revealed that "some of the terrorists had run out of drugs and were in a state of withdrawal, which usually comes with aggressiveness and inadequate behavior," Shepel said. "This allows us to assess the situation before the tragic outcome."

Basque separatists: The capture of ETA's suspected leader has brought Spain closer to crushing the armed Basque separatist group, Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said.

Zapatero told El Pais newspaper that after the Oct. 3 arrest of Mikel Antza in southwest France and the seizure of a large weapons cache — Spain's biggest coup against ETA in more than a decade — he is cautiously optimistic about eliminating ETA altogether.

"I think we are closer to the end of the violence," Zapatero said in the wide-ranging interview, granted to discuss his first six months in power at the head of a Socialist government.

ETA has claimed responsibility for dozens of attacks that have killed 800 people over more than 30 years.

Northern Ireland peace: There is "a heavy burden" on Irish Republican Army commanders to disarm and disband their outlawed organization now in support of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said Sunday.

Ahern, delivering an annual speech beside the grave of an 18th-century rebel leader, said efforts to revive a Catholic-Protestant administration — the main goal of the Good Friday deal six years ago — depend on speedy IRA peace moves.

"The Good Friday agreement is one of the

key documents in the history of our nation. I have no doubt that it will endure as one of the great texts defining our times," said Ahern, who helped negotiate the deal. "It behooves us to leave no stone unturned, no decision untaken, to ensure that it is fully implemented."

There is "a heavy burden on all of those within republicanism to bring this about," Ahern said, referring to the IRA and its allied Sinn Féin party. "History will judge harshly those who temporize and, in so doing, lose this historic opportunity."



Ahern

Sri Lanka peace talks: The government of Sri Lanka said Sunday it was optimistic about reviving peace talks with Tamil Tiger rebels, as fresh diplomatic efforts seek to end an 18-month deadlock that has threatened to plunge Sri Lanka back to civil war.

The renewed optimism came two days after the guerrillas said they were willing to hold negotiations over a government proposal for peace.

"We hope that this reaction is an indication that they (Tamil Tigers) are in fact now ready to come to the negotiating table," said Jayantha Dhanapala, chief of the government's body handling the peace process.

Peace talks broke down in April 2003 amid rebel demands for wide autonomy. The Tigers' self-rule plan demanded broad administrative and legal control over the Tamil-dominated north and east, the site of nearly two decades of civil war.

Women in Ethiopia: Violent treatment of women in Ethiopia and denial of development opportunities for them "is a national disgrace," World Bank chief James Wolfensohn said Sunday.

Ethiopian women often are victims of female genital mutilation and bear the brunt of poverty, poor health care and lack of education. More than 70 percent of marriages in the country are by abduction, the National Committee on Traditional Practices of Ethiopia says.

"I think the violence against women is a national disgrace and I think opportunities for women need to be enriched considerably," Wolfensohn told reporters at the end of a four-day visit to the Horn of Africa nation.

Only six percent of women are literate, fewer than six percent can expect to receive skilled help during childbirth and one percent will die while giving birth, said the United Nations Children's Fund. Seventy percent of women in Ethiopia have also been victims of female circumcision, a cultural practice that is outlawed in the West.

War on terrorism

British hostage: The British ambassador appealed Sunday for Iraqis to come forward with information on the body of murdered British hostage Ken Bigley so he can "finally be laid to rest in peace."

A videotape posted on the Web on Oct. 10 showed the grisly beheading of the 62-year-old civil engineer from Liverpool, purportedly at the hands of terrorist mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group. Bigley was kidnapped Sept. 16 from his Baghdad home, along with two Americans, who were beheaded within days.

Bigley's body has not been found. The wife of Ken's family, I would now like to ask for any information which will lead to the recovery of Ken's body, so he can finally be laid to rest in peace," Ambassador Edward Chadwick said in a statement read in Arabic on satellite television. Stories and photos from wire reports

U.S. pummels Fallujah after 2 copters crash

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. forces battled insurgents around the rebel stronghold of Fallujah on Sunday after two American soldiers died when their helicopters crashed in southern Baghdad.

The 1st Cavalry Division said an investigation had not yet determined what caused the Army OH-58 helicopters to crash Sunday night, killing two soldiers and injuring two others. The division spokesman, Lt. Col. James Hutton, said it "could be days" before the cause is officially determined.

Names of the dead and injured were withheld pending notification of relatives, but U.S. officials said they were assigned to Task Force Baghdad.

The U.S. military has lost at least 27 helicopters in Iraq since May 2003, many of them to hostile fire, according to figures compiled by the Brookings Institute. Insurgents, meanwhile, ambushed and killed nine Iraqi policemen as they were returning home from a training course in Jordan.

Throughout the day, the crackle of automatic weapons fire and the thud of artillery echoed across Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, as fighters between American troops and insurgents ranged on the eastern and southern edges of the city, witnesses said.

Clashes blocked the main road leading into Baghdad, and plumes of smoke rose above the flat-roofed houses in the city's

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,086 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 830 died as a result of hostile action and 256 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians. The department did not provide an update Saturday.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, Lt. Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 948 U.S. military members have died — 721 as a result of hostile action and 227 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Friday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ Two U.S. soldiers were killed Saturday when two Army helicopters crashed in Baghdad.

■ Two U.S. soldiers and one Marine were killed Friday in a car bomb explosion near Qaim.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Spc. Alan J. Burgess, 24, Landaff, N.H.; died Friday in Mosul, Iraq, of wounds from a car bomb; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 197th Field Artillery Forward, Berlin, N.H.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Brian K. Schramm, 22, Rochester, N.Y.; died Friday in Babil province, Iraq, assigned to the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune.

Askari and Shuhada neighborhoods in eastern and southern Fallujah.

Witnesses said a Humvee was burning in the eastern edge of the city, and hospital officials reported three civilians were killed. There was no casualty report from the U.S. military.

American forces have stepped up attacks around Fallujah since

peace talks between the Iraqi government and Fallujah clerics broke down last Thursday after city leaders rejected Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's demand to hand over "foreign terrorists," including Jordanian-born extremist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Fallujah clerics insist al-Zarqawi, whose Tawhid and Jihad movement has claimed responsi-

bility for multiple suicide car bombings and hostage beheadings, is not in the city. Fallujah fell under the control of hardline Islamic clerics and their armed followers after U.S. Marines lifted a three-week siege in late April.

On Sunday, Allawi's government renewed its call for Fallujah to surrender al-Zarqawi and others, saying their presence in "some areas and cities" is something the government cannot accept or tolerate.

Elsewhere, police said Sunday that nine Iraqi policemen returning from training in Jordan were ambushed and killed Saturday in Latifiyah, an insurgent stronghold 25 miles south of Baghdad. The attackers escaped. Latifiyah is part of a belt of towns just south of the capital where kidnappings and ambushes have been common.

Along the Syrian border, overnight clashes between U.S. troops and insurgents left four people dead and 13 others wounded, D. Wael al-Duleimi said Sunday from the border town of Qaim.

The city is hotbed of insurgent activity and is believed to be a major route for smuggling weapons and fighters into Iraq.

In hopes of sparing Fallujah further violence, the U.S. troops have offered to resume peace talks if the Americans stop their attacks. But the talks have deadlocked over the alleged presence of Zarqawi and other foreign fighters.

"We are still ready to go back to the talks and open new channels

of dialogue," said negotiator Abdul Hamid Jadou. But he said Allawi is "responsible for each drop of blood being spilled in Fallujah. This government sided with the Americans in bombing the innocent people who are fasting in Ramadan."

As the Iraqis seek a peaceful end to the Fallujah standoff, the U.S. military is believed to be drafting plans for an all-out assault on the city if negotiations fail.

Iraqi officials hope that Fallujah leaders can be persuaded to negotiate a deal similar to one struck with Shiite radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to end clashes in the Sadr City district of Baghdad. Under the deal, al-Sadr's fighters have been turning in weapons for cash.

On Sunday, a mortar shell exploded at a sports stadium about 15 minutes before Allawi was to arrive to inspect the guns-for-cash program. The mortar was quickly changed and Allawi visited several other sites before arriving at the stadium.

"I am very thrilled and pleased that things are moving in the right direction and our arms are being surrendered to the Iraqi government," he said.

Allawi also called on Iraqis throughout the country — whether in Basra, Nasiriyah, Fallujah, Ramadi or Mosul — to surrender their weapons and to respect the rule of law and to be part of the political process.

Associated Press correspondent Raywa Al-Jabbar in Baghdad and a spokesman in Fallujah contributed to this report.

Shady sheik gets 2nd billing to Ministry of Justice in Iraq

Official to play public role in prison release

BY WARD SANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAWK, Iraq — The Iraqi government will now be the local liaison for prisoner releases from Abu Ghraib.

It's not because Americans are smarming over the abuse scandal, but because of politics — local custom requires someone from the community to publicly receive the prisoners. But finding the right potentate isn't easy.

On Sunday, about 250 people were released, nearly 100 of them back into Baghdad.

The largest group was bused from the prison to this joint American and Iraqi National Guard outpost outside Baghdad where they walked into the open arms of Pusho Ibrahim, Iraq's deputy minister of Justice. His visit was a first.

The prisoners were men, most appearing in good shape and spirits. They poured from buses, one of them fringed around the windows like a flying carpet.

Some wore traditional garb, others were baseball caps, backward and hip-hop style. One man on



WARD SANDERSON/Stars and Stripes

Former detainees from the Abu Ghraib prison smile from a bus while waiting to disembark after being driven from prison to their public release on Sunday.

crutches needed help off of his bus. Another had a bandage over one eye.

One or two spoke eagerly with Ibrahim. Many shook his hand as briefly as possible. A fair number brushed past the deputy minister in a hurried snub.

The U.S. military has been releasing prisoners since spring about 1,200 so far. But Ibrahim's appearance marked something more than just good will.

The military once released prisoners with no fanfare, just taxi money. The Iraqis expected some sort of reception.

"We started having a tribal leader receive them," said Lt. Col. Tim Ryan, commander of the 1st Cavalry Division's 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment.

A sheik would shake hands with freed detainees, and ensure the person's good behavior. The arrangement gave prisoners

someone important to welcome them, plus societal pressure to behave.

Ryan didn't want a national-level sheik for the job in his sector. "They have influence, but the kind of influence a senator would have on your neighborhood," he said.

He looked around and found Sheik Husham, a tribal leader right from the Abu Ghraib area.

Earlier this month, though, the military decided that the Ministry of Justice should play the biggest public role.

Husham allegedly appointed himself, on television, the door through which any and all prisoners should seek freedom.

The military had been furnishing Husham with the names of those up for release. Husham would then allegedly contact their families and demand money to free them, said Capt. Joseph James, spokesman for the 2-12.

The truth was that a council made up of members of the multinational military force and government ministries already had decided the person was to be freed, sheik's blessing or not.

Other options considered as the Iraqi public representative were "much better. The council turned out to be between 'shady and shadier,'" Ryan said.

Ibrahim's appearance came as

a surprise to the sheik. The U.S. military said the sheiks would still guarantee detainees' behavior. But sheiks will now have to go through the Ministry of Justice, not the Americans, to do it.

At Sunday's release, Husham appeared in a white Arab suit, with a flowing pin-striped and matching headpiece. Ryan later explained through a translator that he wouldn't be speaking today.

"We want to put a government face on this," Ryan told him.

Husham stepped up front, though farthest away from the podium. He watched as Ibrahim took the microphone instead.

Ryan and Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, spokesman for detainee operations in Iraq, spoke as well.

Ryan told reporters of the ministry's enhanced role. "This should be seen as a positive step, and another step, toward having Iraq run by Iraqis," he said.

"There is room for community leaders of every type to have detainees back to their homes," Johnson explained.

A local reporter asked why Iraqis couldn't just go to Sheik Husham, as no one trusts the government or would enter a ministry building. Johnson said people could still talk to whomsoever they want.

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Army to assess safety of vehicles in Iraq

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. Army will study protective measures for supply vehicles and add steel plating if necessary, a general said Sunday, after members of a Reserve unit refused to deliver supplies down a dangerous route in part because they believed their vehicles were in poor shape.

Brig. Gen. James B. Chambers, commanding general of 13th Corps Support Command, said all soldiers involved in the incident had returned to duty, but it was "too early" to determine if any of them will face disciplinary action.

Steel plating to be added to supply transports if needed, general says

Chambers said the command will "assess armor" on supply vehicles, which are often subject to insurgent attack, and add steel plating if necessary.

He denied claims by some of the soldiers to their families that the fuel they were to deliver was contaminated.

The Army announced last week it was investigating up to 19 members of a platoon from the 343rd Quartermaster Company based in Rock Hill, S.C., after they refused to transport supplies from Tallil Air Base near Nasiriyah to Taji north of Baghdad. On Wednesday, 19 members of the platoon did not show up for a scheduled 7 a.m. meeting in Tallil to prepare for the fuel convoy's departure a few hours later, a military statement said.

The mission was carried out by other soldiers from the 343rd, which has at least 120 soldiers, the military said.

Chambers has since ordered the 343rd to undergo a "safety-maintenance stand down," during which it will conduct no further missions as the unit's vehicles are inspected, the military said.

The platoon has troops from Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, Mississippi and South Carolina.

London considers redeploying troops

Reports say British soldiers in Basra might serve under U.S. near Baghdad

By ED JOHNSON

The Associated Press

LONDON — The United States has asked Britain to redeploy hundreds of troops from southern Iraq, the Defense Ministry said Sunday amid reports the troops will move to the Baghdad area to back up Americans planning a major offensive against insurgents in Fallujah.

Defense Minister Geoff Hoon will confirm the American request Monday before the House of Commons and say Britain has not made a decision, a ministry spokesman said.

Several British newspapers and the British Broadcasting Corp. have reported that London is considering sending 600 soldiers from the Black Watch regiment in relatively peaceful Basra to bolster U.S. operations in mostly Sunni areas west of Baghdad.

Media reports say the United States wants the British soldiers to replace units of the 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines in Iskandariyah, about 30 miles south of Baghdad.

According to the reports, the regiment would free up American troops to participate in an expected all-out offensive on Fallujah, a city 40 miles west of the capital that is considered the toughest stronghold of insurgents.

Negotiations aimed at restoring government control in Fallujah without requiring a ground assault have faltered.

Sending British soldiers further north into the U.S.-controlled sector, where there are more attacks by terrorists, insurgents, car bombs and higher casualties and would be politically sensitive for Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Blair's popularity slumped after the war, and his trust and credibility ratings plummeted. But recent opinion polls show his standing improving.

"No plans have been made for the First Battalion Black Watch to go to Basra or Fallujah," said Maj. Charlie Mayo, a British military spokesman in Basra.

However, a military source said contingency plans were in place to send British troops to the U.S.-controlled sector and that discussions about coalition troop deployments were ongoing with Iraqi and U.S. officials.

A minister in Blair's Cabinet played down concerns about British troops coming under U.S. command but declined to comment directly on the media reports.

"There have been occasions in Iraq when the Americans have operated under British control," Health Minister John Reid told the BBC. "There will be occasions when you're fighting in a coalition where at a given tactical level you operate under your ally's control, and the Americans have already been there."

The opposition Conservative Party said Sunday the proposed redeployment would mark a significant shift in policy and insisted lawmakers must be informed.

"This latest development ... would signal a fundamental change in the nature of deployment of British troops," Conservative defense spokesman Nicholas Soames wrote in an open letter to Hoon.

The Black Watch regiment was deployed on its second tour of duty to Iraq in 2003 and soldiers reportedly were told to prepare for a longer tour of duty.

Mayo said the regiment initially was sent to Basra for a four-month period that was due to end soon. Troops were told at the time they might have to serve the usual six-month tour in Iraq, he said.

"We are constantly looking at different options and are always planning for other contingencies," he said. "There are always ongoing discussions covering activities like this, and if a decision is going to be made, it will be done in the normal way through the House of Commons."

U.S. forces began bombing targets in Fallujah on Thursday after peace talks between the Iraqi officials and city leaders broke down. The Iraqi government has demanded city officials hand over terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, believed responsible for suicide bombings and beheading foreign hostages, including Americans.

American officials indicated the bombing was not a prelude to a major offensive they have said might be launched sometime this fall.



Iraqi women comfort each other outside St. Thomas' Church in the Mansour district in Baghdad on Saturday, after a string of bombings exploded at five churches across the city. No casualties have been reported, the Iraqi Interior Ministry said.

Bombings scare some Christians from attending church services

By SCHEHEREZADE FARAMARZI

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — For the first time in their lives, Widad Mikho and her sister Neshwan planned not to attend Mass on Sunday, too frightened after a series of church bombings across Baghdad.

But fear kept Dana George away. "It would be better to die in church than anywhere else," she said.

Iraq's Christians, increasingly targeted by insurgents, are fleeing Baghdad for the safety of the Kurdish north or neighboring Syria and Jordan. After Saturday's bombings of five churches — which damaged buildings but caused no casualties — Christian leaders fear more will leave.

But the exodus is temporary, insist many, because they are not selling their homes and property. They will wait it out and return when the situation improves.

Pascale Isho Warda, a Christian who is the interim government's minister for displacement and migration, estimated as many as 15,000 out of Iraq's nearly 1 million Christians have left the country since August, when four churches in Baghdad and one in Mosul were blown up in a coordinated series of car bombings.

The attacks killed 12 people and injured 61 others. Another church was bombed in Baghdad in September.

Saturday's explosions will no doubt push people to immigrate," said Father Raphael Qutaimi, acting bishop of the Syrian Catholic Church. "But this country has been ours for thousands of years. Our ancestors shed blood defending it. We mustn't leave it."

He and all the dozen Christians interviewed Saturday said the attacks were not the work of Muslim Iraqis, but foreigners.

"The foreigner is trying to create division and enmity between Christians and Muslims. We must stand hand in hand and heart and not give the outsider cause to divide us," Qutaimi said.

"They want us to leave Iraq," said Sarah Saman, a 25-year-old lab technician, referring to the attackers, who she believes are Arabs linked to al-Qaida.

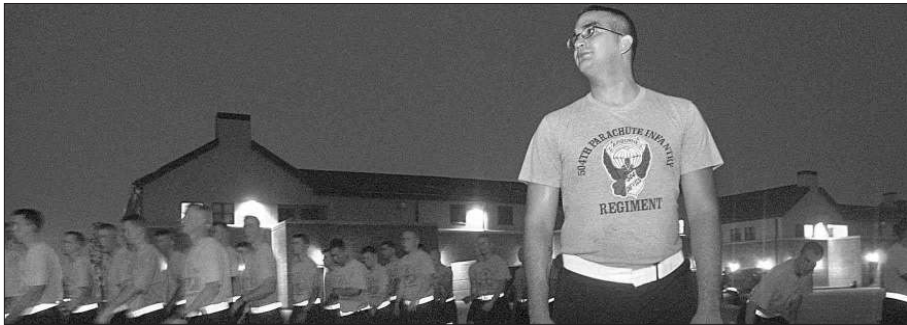
But Younsam Kana, secretary-general of the Assyrian Democratic Movement, said the security situation of the country — car bombings, kidnappings and murders, which affect all of Iraq's religious groups — had chased away many Christians. He said more than 100 Christians had been murdered after the U.S.-led war, including 35 liquor vendors and others who worked for coalition forces. About 200 more have died in the general violence that has gripped Iraq. Insurgents have been targeting many Iraqis who are seen as helping the U.S.-led forces, and extremist militiamen have often targeted people in occupations seen as breaking Islamic rules.

Never in Iraq, Kana said, had a church been attacked, not since the days of the Mongols, who massacred 800,000 of Baghdad's residents and destroyed the city in the 13th century.

Neshwan Mikho, 46, has been cleaning St. John's Church in the working class neighborhood of Bataween every Saturday for the past seven years underlaid by rain, sandstorms or even shelling. "But today, I was afraid to go when I heard the news," she said.

She said she and her sister, Widad, 60, who lives with her, will not catch the 6:30 a.m. bus that takes them to church every Sunday.

"I am sad in my heart because tomorrow I will not be attending Mass," said Widad, a Chaldean Christian. "They are denying us what is most important in our lives."



Spc. George Perez of the 1st Brigade of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment watches other soldiers begin their PT in September at Fort Bragg, N.C.

AP photos

No less of a man, no less of a soldier

Specialist determined to get back into action after losing his leg in Iraq

BY ESTES THOMPSON
The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C.

George Perez still feels the sweat between his toes when he exercises. He's still plagued with nagging cramps in his calf muscle. And sometimes, when he gets out of bed at night without thinking, he topples over.

Spc. Perez, 21, lost his leg to a roadside bomb in Iraq more than a year ago, but despite the phantom pains that haunt him, he says he is determined to prove to the Army that he is no less of a man — and no less of a soldier.

"I'm not ready to get out yet," he says. "I'm not going to let this little injury stop me from what I want to do."

Perez is one of at least four amputees from the elite 82nd Airborne Division to re-enlist. With a new carbon-fiber prosthetic leg, Perez intends to show a medical board he can run an eight-minute mile, jump out of airplanes and pass all the other paratrooper tests that will allow him to go with his regiment to Afghanistan next year.

On Sept. 14, 2003, Perez, of Carteret, N.J., and seven other members of his squad were rumbling down a road outside Fallujah when a bomb blast rocked their Humvee. Perez recalls flying through the air and hitting the ground hard.

The blast killed one of Perez's comrades. Perez felt surprisingly little pain, but when he tried to get up, he couldn't.

He saw that his left foot was folded backward onto his knee. His size 12½ combat boot stood in the dusty road a few feet away, still laced.

A photograph of Perez's lonely boot transmitted around the world and spread across two pages of Time magazine became a stark reminder that the war in Iraq was far from over.

Doctors initially tried to save part of Perez's foot. But an infection crept up his leg, and Perez agreed to allow the amputation below the knee joint.

"I was going to stay in no matter what," he recalls telling the surgeons. "Do whatever would get me back fastest."

Perez was left with a rounded stump that fits into the suction cup of the black carbon-fiber prosthetic leg.



Perez's boot sits near the smoldering wreckage of an 82nd Airborne Division Humvee on Highway 1 in Fallujah, Iraq, on Sept. 14, 2003. The 1/504 Humvee hit a roadside bomb while on morning patrol.



In November, Perez begins his rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Left: Physical therapist Lt. Justin Laferriere passes along information to Perez. Right: Perez has his skin grafts rebanded by medical technicians.

Medical Center in Washington, D.C., for his rehabilitation. Perez asked a pair of generals who visited his bedside if it was possible for him to stay in the Army.

"They told me, 'It's all up to you, how much you want it,'" he says. "If I could do everything like a regular soldier, I could stay in."

He wasted little time getting started. At



one point, a visitor found him doing push-ups in bed. He trained himself to walk normally with his new leg, and then run with it.

Perez has to rise at least an hour earlier than his fellow soldiers to allow swelling from the previous day's training to subside enough for his stump to fit into the prosthetic.

But it is a comfort for Perez to know he's

not alone.

At least three other paratroopers in the 82nd have lost limbs in combat during the past two years and re-enlisted. One of them, Staff Sgt. Daniel Metzdorf, lost his right leg above the knee in a Jan. 27 blast. He appealed three times before the fitness board allowed him to stay on.

"I think it's a testimony to today's professional Army," says division commander Maj. Gen. Bill Caldwell. "I also think, deep down, it is a love for their other paratroopers."

In July, amputee program manager Chuck Scoville of Walter Reed told a congressional committee that amputations accounted for 2.4 percent of all wounded in action in the Iraq war — twice the rate in World Wars I and II.

Perez is one of about 160 servicemembers who have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan who have passed through Walter Reed's amputee patient program. The military says it does not track the number who choose to stay in the service.

"It isn't something that historically we've had to deal with a whole lot," says Lt. Col. Frank Christopher, the surgeon for the 82nd Airborne.

Today, Perez looks every bit the part of paratrooper — tall, in ripped-ab shape and serious-looking. His uniform is sharply creased, his maroon beret sits at an exact angle above one eye and the black leather boot on his good leg gleams with a mirror shine.

The only thing that sets him apart at a glance is the white running shoe on his prosthetic leg.

Perez has to go before another medical fitness board to determine whether he will be allowed to jump again. He also must pass the fitness test for his age — run two miles in less than 16 minutes and do at least 42 push-ups and 53 sit-ups in two-minute stretches.

For now, he must content himself with a job maintaining M-16s and M-4s, machine guns and grenade launchers in his company's armory. But his dream is to attend the grueling Ranger school at Fort Benning, Ga., a serious challenge to even the most able-bodied soldier.

"I got a lot of things to do," he said. "I want to do as much as I can, as much as they'll let me."

Allen G. Breed of The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Daily attacks on base dubs it 'Mortaritaville'

By Tom Bowman
The Baltimore Sun

No additional help brought in to halt barrage

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq — This sprawling supply base on a dusty stretch about 50 miles northwest of Baghdad is officially known as a "logistical support area." But some of the thousands of soldiers and contractors who suffer daily mortar and rocket attacks here have another name for it: Mortaritaville.

At least a half-dozen soldiers and contractors have been killed and nearly 100 wounded here since April. There have been about two attacks daily since July. Three weeks ago, a young airman lost both legs and his right hand when a mortar shell slammed into the base.

Officers here say Anaconda, the largest support base in the country with 22,500 American troops and 2,500 contractors spread over 15 square miles, is also the most frequently attacked. But there is no indication the soldiers will get additional help.

Brig. Gen. Oscar B. Hilman, the commander of the 81st Brigade Combat Team, an Army National Guard unit from Washing-

ton state whose assigned mission is to operate the base, asked for an additional 500 to 700 soldiers to provide more patrols. But he said his requests had been denied by higher headquarters.

But Hilman said he was told "there are no additional forces" and that U.S. soldiers were needed elsewhere, particularly to battle insurgent forces or cover a large area that fans to the north and takes in the embattled cities of Tikrit and Samarra.

The 81st Brigade's top enlisted man, Sgt. Major Robert Barr, said that there was "frustration" among the soldiers and that he often heard the same question: "Why aren't we stopping it or killing their guys who are doing it?"

While the 81st Brigade provides security inside the concertina wire fence that surrounds the base, the task of protection outside the wire falls to the soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, part of the 1st Infantry Division, which is based in Tikrit. Over the past week the division has been part of the effort to take

back Samarra from insurgents. Those units, too, are stretched thin.

Maj. Richard W. Spiegel, a spokesman for the 13th Corps Support Command, confirmed that Hilman put in the request for more troops and that the request was endorsed by the command's top officer, Brig. Gen. James E. Chambers.

But Chambers "is not the approving authority" — the request went to Multi-National Corps Iraq headquarters, "which assesses troop requirements and makes the final decision, Spiegel said. The request was turned down, he said. He declined to provide details of the decision.

Yet the Air Force will not base its massive cargo planes here because it's considered unsafe, said one officer at Anaconda, who requested anonymity. Instead, pilots drop off their cargo with the engines running and quickly take off again. Officers said attacks were not interfering with the supply flow, the thousands of tons per month of spare parts, fuel, clothing and food. "I call

(Anaconda) the life support of the theater" of operations, Hilman said.

Last Thursday morning, two mortars landed near the south gate, but there were no injuries. Just before dinner, a plume of smoke rose outside the fence from another explosion. A high-pitched siren warned those inside the wire to seek shelter in the bunkers, while contractors in the mess hall stopped serving food and hunkered down.

The next morning, another soldier, Sgt. Mark Long, part of Hilman's security detail, said there was a pressing need for U.S. forces to control more of the territory outside the base's fence, a wide stretch of rolling hills, heavy vegetation and small villages. The attackers have been constantly changing tactics and concealing their work. One mortar tube was so carefully concealed that only about 4 inches rose above the ground.

Long, who served with the 1st Infantry Division in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, complained that senior officers were not being ag-

gressive enough in trying to stop the attacks.

Soldiers and officers said mortar attacks on the air base predated the arrival of U.S. troops. Saddam Hussein had seized the land from local sheiks and constructed the facility, annoying residents with the constant roar of low-flying aircraft. Every so often, a mortar would arc into Saddam's base as a message of local anger.

U.S. officers said the attacks worsened in April as the insurgency intensified and spread. Local residents who were arrested said they had no jobs and were paid to attack the Americans by insurgents who traveled from Baghdad and Fallujah, officers said.

In the past month, Hilman, the 81st commander, set up an operations center named round-the-clock to try to combat the attacks. Soldiers monitor several huge TV screens that show live video from cameras perched in the guard towers and from airborne drones. They are designed to pinpoint the locations of the attackers and quickly dispatch helicopters and troops. Still, the mortars and rockets continue to strike at all hours.

Despite risks, poverty brings Turkish truckers to Iraq

By Louis Meixler
The Associated Press

HABUR BORDER GATE, Turkey — The line of trucks at the Turkish border crossing into Iraq stretches for 5 miles, a sign that despite kidnappings and beatings, thousands of Turks are still willing to risk their lives to haul cargo to Iraq.

Salahattin Turan is one of them. The last time he drove a load of drinking water to a U.S. military base in Iraq, gunmen shot him from his cab, kicked him unconscious and tossed him into a drainage ditch. But with a family of eight to feed and few other jobs in the impoverished Turkish southeast, Turan says he's likely to go back to Iraq next month.

"To survive I have to go," said Turan, who has been driving to Iraq for the past 17 years. "I can't do anything else ... and feed my children."

In other parts of the world, the story is similar. More than 100 Filipinos have managed to sneak into Iraq from Turkey for jobs, and thousands have protested in Manila to demand that the government reverse its decision and allow workers to travel to Iraq legally, officials in Manila said.

In Pakistan, workers have defied a government travel advisory to seek out jobs in Iraq that can pay three times the average annual income of \$800.

The dangers are extreme. Dozens of foreigners have been taken hostage by militants. Three have been killed, including six Turks.

Many companies, including Turkish firms, have pulled out of Iraq citing the risks and many truckers are refusing to go there. Those who go are demanding extra pay if the trip takes them to dangerous areas of central Iraq, often several hundred dollars for each trip, truckers said.

Some 2,000 trucks cross the border every day from Turkey, and that trade is crucial to the overwhelmingly Kurdish southeast of Turkey, the poorest region of the country.

Turkish exports to Iraq hit \$1.2 billion in the first nine months of the year and are expected to reach \$1.5 billion by the end of the year, said Erument Aksoy, president of the Turkish-Iraqi business council.

To improve security, many Turkish truckers hauling supplies for Iraqi civilians began unloading late last year in overwhelmingly Kurdish northern Iraq, which has been spared much of the violence of the insurgency. Iraqi truckers drive those supplies to the rest of Iraq.

Turkish supplies for U.S. bases, mostly gasoline and water, are still hauled directly to bases in the center of Iraq, but those vehicles now go in convoys escorted by U.S. Humvees with mounted machine guns.

Most of the recent attacks against Turkish truckers have targeted those convoys which truckers say are poorly guarded.

Deger, whose firm mostly transports gasoline to U.S. bases, says his business has fallen 80 percent in the last few months, with drivers afraid to ply that route and the U.S. military looking for other suppliers.

Back in his three-room cement home in southern Turkey, Turan is struggling with whether to go back to Iraq.

"If they don't give us better security, I won't go back," Turan said, sitting in his living room — an empty room with pillows at the side for guests to sit on.

"Nothing is more important than my son's life," added Turan's father, Sait, as he fingered red worry beads.

But a few minutes later, Turan was angrily waving a doctor's prescription for his eye medicine and explaining how he can't afford to buy the medicine. And Salahattin Turan's mother, Turkiye, pointed out that the family can no longer afford books for his three school-aged children.

"I don't want him to go to Iraq, but what else can he do?" Turkiye said. "To feed us and his children, he must go."



Turkish drivers wait in line near a border crossing in southeastern Turkey on Friday. Despite attacks including the kidnapping and beating of truckers, thousands of people are still willing to risk their lives to haul cargo to Iraq for better paying jobs.

Karaoke lovers try to break record

By JESSICA INIGO

Stars and Stripes

DARMSTADT, Germany — The An Sibin, an Irish pub frequented by many Americans and U.S. troops, has sung its way into the Guinness World Records ... maybe.

A group of 20 singers started its world record attempt at 10 a.m. Sunday. At 6 p.m. Friday — 128 hours later — they finally gave their vocal chords a break.

Several Americans, along with German, Greek, Irish, English, and Russian karaoke stars out-sang the old record of 80 nonstop hours by a bar in England.

However, it may be a while before they actually see their name in print, according to karaoke contest organizer Wolfgang "Stritt" Strittmutter. The whole event was put on videotape, and 35 videocassettes have to be sent to Guinness for review before they are named the new record holders.

"It's like in the Olympics. Sometimes, after a review, the medal is removed from the athlete. It doesn't matter, though, because we had so much fun doing it," said Strittmutter, who originally brought up the idea of the karaoke contest as a joke.

The event turned out to be no laughing matter. Participants had to adhere to strict rules imposed by Guinness, which included no more than 30-second lag time between each song, the same song couldn't be repeated within a four-hour cycle, participants had to sing actual lyrics, and songs had to be sung in its original format.

Participants had to be at the pub an hour before their performance to ensure the smooth transition from one singer to the next.

"The hardest day for me was Tuesday," explained Kevin Dukies, who sang between 10 to 12 hours throughout the week. On Tuesday he sang from 2 to 5 a.m., partially covering for another participant who got sick, then came on later from 8 to 9 a.m. He went to his home just outside of Darmstadt for some food and rest



JESSICA INIGO/Stars and Stripes

Wolfgang "Stritt" Strittmutter leads some of the karaoke singers who helped in the attempt to break a Guinness World Record on Friday at the An Sibin Irish pub in Darmstadt, Germany. In the sixth-straight day of nonstop singing, the group sings Queen's "We Are the Champions."

until his next performance from 7 to 8 p.m. and then he was on again Wednesday morning at 2 a.m.

Dukes said during the six-day event a couple of singers got so hoarse they could no longer participate, but others were so committed that they slept on wooden pub benches to ensure the competition didn't miss a beat.

An Sibin staffed the pub 24 hours a day throughout the contest, helping to ensure participants stayed motivated.

"My job was a matter of keeping everyone awake with endless coffee," said Oisín McLaughlin, who worked the graveyard shift nightly from 2 to 10 a.m.

Because of the importance of getting the timing right, a list of singers was compiled before the event, making some of the regular

Thursday karaoke visitors to the pub a little peeved they couldn't join in on the fun.

"It was a very organized operation about who was singing, but we still tried to sneak some Americans in who always come to karaoke night on Thursdays. It was hard though, and people were nervous, because the timing had to be just right," said Vince Hannifin, one of the owners of An Sibin.

He said the following Thursdays would be back to normal, where everyone could participate in karaoke action.

As far as getting put in the famous record book, Hannifin said it'll be a fitting title.

"Irish beer, Irish pub, Irish beer record book. It's very appropriate and it'll be in print forever."

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Election conference

CAIRO, Egypt — Egypt's foreign minister said Saturday that his country would not invite Iraqi opposition groups to a high-level conference on Iraqi elections planned next month at an Egyptian resort.

The conference, being organized by Iraq's interim government, is meant to promote political stability in Iraq and support the country's upcoming elections.

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said in late September that any such conference should involve all Iraqi political forces, "including a certain number of groups or people who now have chosen the path of resistance by arms."

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit told Egypt's semigovernmental newspaper Akhbar al-Yom on Saturday that "this conference is a government's conference, not a conference for influential powers."

Annan on Iraq war

LONDON — The U.S.-led war in Iraq hasn't made the world any safer, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a British TV interview Sunday.

"I cannot not say the world is safer when you consider the violence around us, when you look around you and see the terrorist attacks around the world and you see what is going on in Iraq," Annan told the ITV network.

Annan has previously described the U.S.-led war that toppled Saddam Hussein as "il legal," because Washington and its coalition partners never got U.N. Security Council backing for the invasion.

He told ITV that Iraq was "on track" to hold elections at the end of January, but warned that he will speak out if he is not satisfied with the way they are conducted.

War called 'failing'

WASHINGTON — The national security adviser under the first President Bush says the current president acted contemptuously toward NATO and Europe after Sept. 11, 2001, and is trying to cooperate now out of desperation to "rescue a failing venture" in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Brent Scowcroft, a mentor to the current national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, also said in an interview published in England that Bush is inordinately influenced by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

"Sharon just has him wrapped around his little finger," Scowcroft told London's Financial Times. "I think the president is mortified."

Scowcroft said the Bush administration's "unilateralist" position was partly responsible for the post-Sept. 11 decline of the trans-Atlantic relationship.

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A 'professor' in a class by himself

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

GIESSEN, Germany — Guys like Joseph Roche don't enlist every day.

In fact, his story is so novel that, at first, some of his colleagues didn't know what to make of this man from Minnesota.

His age, education, demeanor, globe-trotting ways and olive-colored skin (his father is from India) raised eyebrows and got folks whispering. Some suspected Roche of being an Army undercover agent. Others thought he could even be a member of an al-Qaida sleeper cell.

"There were a lot of guys who were wondering," Roche said. "I would tell them: 'I am what you see.'"

For the last two years — and for the next two — Roche has been a member of the U.S. Army. It is a calling that came relatively late in life, but one the cerebral college graduate felt he had to answer.

"He barely made the deadline," said Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Adelman, the Minnesota recruiter who brought Roche into the fold.

Roche, who turns 37 next month, joined the Army just before his 35th birthday, the cutoff for new enlistees. Six months later he was in Iraq as a member of the 16th Engineer Battalion, based in Giessen.

During his 14-month tour to the Middle East, Roche distinguished



Courtesy of U.S. Army

U.S. Army Spc. Joseph Roche poses with an M-4 and a utility vehicle at the 16th Engineer Battalion's base camp at Baghdad Island in northern Baghdad. While deployed there in April, he wrote a letter to Stars and Stripes to publicize progress being made by U.S. troops in Iraq. The letter was eventually quoted by President Bush at the Republican National Convention.

himself in common and uncommon ways.

Supervisors note that Roche always accepted whatever job was given him. "There was never a complaint," Staff Sgt. Ezra Brown said. "Never. Not once."

Brown, a 12-year veteran of the Army, called Roche "one of the best [soldiers] I've ever seen."

About the only time Roche did complain — sort of — was earlier

this year, when he wrote an eloquent letter to Stars and Stripes to counter the "bad news" coming out of Iraq. In it, he asked his fellow Americans "to keep the faith."

The letter, which ran in the Be Our Guest section of the April 4 Sunday magazine, would soon endear him to tens of thousands of people, from his buddies in Baghdad to radio announcers back home, such as Rush Limbaugh, to the man who lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

"Our troops know the historic importance of our work [in Iraq]," President Bush said in his acceptance speech last month at the Republican National Convention. "One Army specialist wrote home: 'We are transforming a once-sick society into a hopeful place. The various terrorist enemies we are facing in Iraq are really aiming at you back in the United States. This is a test of will for our country. We soldiers of yours are doing great and scoring victories in confronting the evil terrorists.'"

"That young man is right. Our men and women in uniform are doing a superb job for America," the president said.

After the speech, the president's staff sent an autographed copy of the speech to Roche, something he proudly produced during a recent visit to his apartment in Giessen.

"I said things people needed to hear and wanted to hear," he said.

Speaking out publicly is something Roche has grown accustomed to since junior high school.

As a young teen in Minneapolis, Roche spearheaded petition drives and gave political speeches on subjects such as prayer in schools and aid for the Nicaraguan contras.

After high school, Roche moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked for seven years on conservative campaigns and issues. Eventually he returned to his roots to attend the University of Minnesota, earning a history degree.

"Talk to him about history, and you can learn so much," Brown said.

Before departing for Iraq, the staff sergeant gave Roche a nickname: the professor. While Roche's knowledge extends well beyond history, it is his forte, enough so that his superiors asked him before the unit deployed to brief younger soldiers about the intricacies of Iraq and the Middle East.

"He reminds me of the professor on Gilligan's Island," Brown said, referring to the popular '60s television show.

During the war, Roche was the driver for 1st Lt. Andrew Bischoff, then a platoon commander in Company C.

Bischoff described Roche as a shy, hard-working guy who is respected much for his humility as for his knowledge.

"I've never seen anybody like him," Bischoff said. "People like

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Spc. Joseph Roche

During a deployment to Iraq, Roche wrote a letter to Stars and Stripes

and Stripes that was eventually used by President Bush in his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention.

Job: Driver for Lt. Col. John S. Kem, commander of the 16th Engineer Battalion, in Giessen, Germany. While in Iraq, he was the driver for the platoon leader of the Assault and Obstacle Platoon, Charlie Company, 16th Engineer Battalion.

Age: 36

Family: Fiancée, Annelie O'Neal, a private in the Kentucky Army National Guard

Hometown: Minneapolis

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that sometimes come across as arrogant."

Both now chuckle over how they would discuss current events and history as they drove around on missions. As they scanned the horizon for bad guys and improvised explosive devices, subjects such as the merits of the Prussian empire would break the tension.

"It was like an interactive history channel," Bischoff said.

Over the years, Roche has held a variety of jobs: bus boy, hotel manager, police dispatcher and security cop. Prior to joining the Army, he spent a year in Israel with Sar-El, a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer organization.

Roche was in Israel on Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists struck New York City and the Pentagon. Roche, who is not Jewish, figured if he could give of himself in Israel, he should do the same for his homeland.

Upon his return, he walked into Adelman's office and declared his intention to enlist. A year later, as the clock was winding down, Roche followed through.

Adelman, who spoke by telephone from his office near the University of Minnesota campus, said he would never forget Roche.

"Most people are like: 'What's in it for me?' How much money can I get for college? How much of a bonus do I qualify for?" he said.

"Joe just wanted to join."

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KEVIN DOUGHERTY/Stars and Stripes

Roche joined the Army two years ago, shortly before his 35th birthday. To colleagues, Roche's age and college education made him an intriguing person to get to know while serving in Iraq. His fiancée, Annelie O'Neal, right, is a member of the Kentucky Army National Guard.

Army to expand bioweapons testing site in Utah

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Army is planning to expand the nation's leading biological and chemical defense testing site in Utah's remote western desert to make it a training ground for counterterrorism operations.

The seven-year plan released Friday for

the Dugway Proving Ground includes building a mock city for urban chemical and biological attack exercises and retrofit existing facilities for use in counterterrorism training. A permanent annex would be built at the facility used to conduct biological defense trials.

Dugway is the only Army installation large and remote enough to conduct realistic

testing of biological and chemical systems without endangering public safety.

In 1991, Dugway began anthrax testing, eventually testing several deadly germs to find a way to detect biological agents in times of war.

The environmental impact of the proposed expansion has concerned some Utah residents, who say the military is try-

ing to hide its plans by taking care of public disclosure requirements with small print declarations in the legal notices sections of newspapers.

Officials of the installation did not return calls seeking comment Friday.

The final plan will be forwarded to the Pentagon for approval.

The public has 30 days to review it.

IN THE WORLD

Sharon rejects settlers' demands

Jewish dwellers call meeting on Gaza 'a disgrace'

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon rebuffed angry Jewish settlers Sunday, summarily rejecting their demand that he hold a national referendum on his plan to pull out of the Gaza Strip and dismantle two dozen Jewish settlements, settlers said.

Settler leaders warned that Sharon's plan and his refusal to even consider a nationwide vote were leading the country down the path of civil war.

"The meeting ... was a disgrace," said settler spokesman Yehoshua Mor-Yosef. "We met a stubborn prime minister. He wouldn't answer any of our questions. He is determined to lead the people to a bottomless chasm."

Sharon has angered the settlers, once his most ardent supporters, with his "disengagement" plan for separating Israelis from the Palestinians by withdrawing from Gaza and dismantling settlements in the northern West Bank.

Sharon says the plan will boost Israel's security after four years of fighting the Palestinians.



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, flanked by Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, left, and Cabinet Secretary Yisrael Maimon, right, begins his weekly cabinet meeting Sunday. Sharon later held a tense meeting with Jewish settler discuss his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and part of the West Bank.

But settlers say the plan sets a dangerous precedent by conceding territory to the Palestinians and dismantling Jewish settlements.

Sharon has not met with settler leaders since making a sharp political reversal last year and talking about removing some settlements instead of building more. However, he agreed to meet with them in Jerusalem on Sunday, just a week before he presents his withdrawal plan to parliament.

Settler leaders hoped to persuade the premier to hold a national referendum, stipulating that both sides would agree to accept its results in advance.

Cabinet minister Limor Livnat suggested to Sharon earlier Sunday that the disengagement legislation to be presented to parliament make the withdrawal conditional on a referendum.

"I heard yesterday night that there is a good chance that they (the settlers) could accept such a formula ... in order to prevent a tear in the nation ... or even a civil war," Livnat told Israel Radio before meeting Sharon.

Opinion polls consistently show that a solid majority of Israelis support the Gaza withdrawal plan, but Sharon remained open to such a vote, which would delay implementation of the evacuation

part set to begin in May, his spokesman, Asaf Shariv, said.

Sharon already has lost two separate votes on his plan — both in his hard-line Likud Party — following intense campaigning by the settlers.

Sharon appeared to be reading answers to their questions off sheets of paper he had brought with him, settler leaders said.

"We did not get anything out of him. Nothing. Zero," said settler leader Pinchas Wallerstein. "It was one of the most shameful meetings I have ever had with the prime minister."

Wallerstein said the settlers would use all democratic means to resist Sharon's plan.

Former JFK aide Salinger dies at 79

BY PAMELA SAMPSON
The Associated Press

PARIS — Pierre Salinger, a veteran print reporter and editor who served as press secretary in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations before becoming a widely known foreign correspondent for ABC News, has died. He was 79.

Salinger died of heart failure Saturday at a hospital near his home in Le Thon, France, said his wife Nicole "Poppy" Salinger.

He had undergone surgery earlier in the week to implant a pacemaker.

The couple moved to France four years ago to run an inn.

Mrs. Salinger said her husband left the United States because he was opposed to the presidency of George W. Bush.

The cultured and outspoken Salinger rose from the ranks of newspaper journalism to become press secretary to Kennedy and eventually a trusted member of the family's inner circle. He and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis stayed in contact for many years following her husband's assassination. Mrs. Salinger said in a telephone interview.

Salinger, who also served as press secretary for President Lyndon Baines Johnson, said Kennedy was a "special man" who surrounded himself with advisers who "believed in each other" and in a common mission.

A longtime print journalist, Salinger switched to television reporting when he joined ABC in 1977. In the years following, he worked as the network's Paris bureau chief, chief foreign correspondent and senior editor in London.

Salinger's oldest son, Stephen, said his father's health had declined noticeably when he last saw him at his home in France four weeks ago.

Mrs. Salinger said her husband suffered from aphasia and was not able to speak, but otherwise was very aware of his surroundings.

In addition to his wife and son Stephen, Salinger is survived by his son Gregory. He had two other children who died, his wife said.

Salinger's wish was to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, following Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Washington, D.C., she said.

Jordan indicts al-Zargawi in terror plot

BY JAMAL HALABY
The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan's military prosecutor indicted 13 alleged Muslim militants Sunday, including fugitive Abu-Musab al-Zargawi, for an al-Qaida-linked plot to attack targets in Jordan with chemical and conventional weapons, according to government officials and the indictment.

Lt. Col. Mahmud Obaidat summoned the nine terror suspects who are in custody and read them the charges listed in the indictment, the officials said on condition of anonymity.

They said the four at large, including al-Zargawi, were also charged and would be tried in absentia. The trial was expected to begin in early to mid-November.



al-Zargawi

best-known figure indicted, is thought to be directing anti-U.S.

attacks and kidnappings in neighboring Iraq, where he leads the Tawhid and Jihad group.

Security officials have said the plot targeted the Jordanian prime minister's office, the secret service agency, the U.S. Embassy in Jordan and other sites.

Amri al-Jayousi, the alleged mastermind of the cell who was captured in April, has confessed to military prosecutors plans for a chemical attack, the officials said. The military court is expected to issue a 10-day grace period this week for the four fugitives to surrender to authorities — a process which precedes the opening of

the trial. In Jordan, charges become formal when read aloud at the opening of the trial.

The charges on seven counts include conspiring to commit terrorist attacks in Jordan, possessing and manufacturing explosive material and affiliation with a banned group, according to the 24-page indictment. The group in question has been identified as Kata'eb al-Tawhid, Arabic for the Battalions of Monotheism, a previously unknown group said to be linked to al-Qaida.

If convicted on all counts, the defendants could be sentenced to death.

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Sudan denies U.N. report of Darfur deaths

Government official: 70,000 is wrong; figure is no more than 7,000

BY MOHAMED OSMAN

The Associated Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudan disputed a U.N. report saying 70,000 people have died since March in refugee camps in western Darfur province, with a government minister insisting Saturday that the number couldn't be more than 7,000.

On Friday, the World Health Organization estimated that at least 70,000 people had died in the camps, most because of poor conditions. The number does not include those killed in fighting, including militia and government attacks on villages or on fleeing refugees.

Mohammed Yusuf Ibrahim, state minister at the ministry of humanitarian affairs, disputed the estimate.

"This report is totally wrong and not correct at all," he said. He said the real number was less than 10 percent that estimated by the U.N. health agency. He cited Sudanese government reports.

"The reports we have here speak of the situation for the last 32 weeks and nowhere could we see what they were talking about," he said. He would not elaborate on the government reports or give more specific numbers.

Meanwhile, Libya confirmed that leaders of Sudan, Egypt, Chad and Nigeria would join Mouammar Gadhafi in Tripoli on Sunday to discuss Darfur. The summit will deal with security, ending the fighting and getting aid to displaced people, Libya's Foreign Minister Abdel Rahman Shalqun said Saturday.

Dr. David Nabarro, WHO's head of crisis operations, said Friday that refugees will continue to die unless countries provide more money to help them.

"We are running on a threadbare, hand-to-mouth existence, and if the plight of these people in

Darfur is as important to the international community as it seems to be, then we would have expected more long-term support," he said.

He said the United Nations has only received half of the \$300 million that it needs to do its work.

Sudan's government is accused of using Arab militias to put down a 19-month rebellion by non-Arab African groups in Darfur. The government denies supporting the militias and has called the reported death toll exaggerated.

The only death toll it has provided came last month when it said around 200 of its policemen were killed in the fighting.

Rwanda said it would delay

sending about 300 peacekeeping troops to Darfur by about a week because preparations have not been made to house the soldiers.

The 300 Rwandan troops had been scheduled to arrive on Sunday, but will probably leave next weekend.

Foreign Minister Charles Muligande said. Altogether, Rwanda is expected to send about 1,000 fresh troops to Darfur, in addition to more than 150 soldiers deployed there in August, said Lt. Gen. Charles Kayunga, the army chief.

The fresh troops will make up a battalion of a 4,500-soldier contingent to be deployed in Darfur by the African Union by the end of next month.

Opposition: No victor decided in Afghan vote

Patience urged as ballots counted

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Hamid Karzai's closest rival in Afghanistan's landmark election insisted Sunday he has a chance for victory, saying Karzai's commanding lead was based on early results and the election could turn on an investigation of fraud allegations.

Former Education Minister Yunus Qanooni said he was preparing to be in the political opposition as the country moves toward Western-style democracy — though he added that whether he recognizes results depends on the honesty of the probe into fraud complaints.

Preliminary returns from the Oct. 9 election put Karzai on course for a landslide in a vote supposed to cement Afghanistan's post-Taliban stabilization. Of the 595,000 votes tallied by Sunday morning, the U.S.-backed Karzai had received almost 64 percent.

That puts Karzai — who was installed as a transitional president when the ruling Taliban was ousted by U.S. invaders in 2001 — on course for the simple majority needed to avoid a run-off, though only about 7 percent of the total ballots cast have been counted so far.

Qanooni, who has about 17 percent of the vote, said "the figures will change" in his favor as more ballots are counted.

Election officials also have cautioned against calling the election too soon.

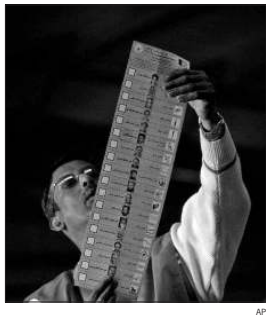
He also pointed to fraud allegations made by him and others of Karzai's 15 opponents. "If there was no cheating, I can tell you that I would be the winner," he said.

Karzai's opponents have complained of cheating to a panel of foreign experts created after a threatened boycott of results from Afghanistan's first direct election ever. The allegations center around ballot box stuffing, intimidation and the ink used at some polling stations to mark voters' hands — which was supposed to be indecipherable to prevent repeated voting but proved to be easily washed off.

The three-member panel has promised to examine 100 complaints, though it is unclear whether they will report before the election result is announced.

A dozen tribal leaders gathered at Qanooni's spacious Kabul home Sunday and told of alleged ballot box stuffing, sometimes with the collusion of police and local government officials.

Qanooni said he "wouldn't mind" if a few hundred extra ballots were added, but he insisted there was



An Afghan election worker checks the validity of a ballot paper Sunday at a counting center in Kabul. Interim leader Hamid Karzai held a commanding lead Sunday in the race to become Afghanistan's first popularly elected leader, as results poured in from its landmark vote for president.

evidence that groups of ballot boxes were emptied and refilled with voting slips marked for Karzai.

The joint U.N.-Afghan election body acknowledged that boxes arrived at counting centers with their seals broken, but officials insist the damage was due to rough handling. Election observers reported no serious infringements.

Qanooni said his recognition of the vote depended on the panel's report and whether the election commission disqualified some ballots.

"If they are able to separate the fraud from the wishes of the people, at that time we will see if the election is legitimate," he said. "Anything else is a coup."

Results are expected by Oct. 31. Few independent observers believe that Qanooni, a member of the ethnic Tajik minority, could command a majority in a country deeply fractured by years of tribal and ethnic warfare.

Karzai enjoys strong support among the country's traditional rulers, the Pashtuns, as well as the international community.

Analysts initially forecast that Qanooni and other candidates linked to the former Northern Alliance, which helped the United States drive out the Taliban, might receive enough votes to force Karzai into a second round.

But several figures — including former President Burhanuddin Rabbani, a Tajik who led Afghanistan during its ruinous 1992-96 civil war, and two brothers of slain Northern Alliance commander Ahmad Shah Massoud — have thrown their support behind Karzai.

Russia wants Iran to ease nuclear program worries

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Sunday that Iran should make stronger efforts to assuage international concerns about its nuclear program.

Russia has repeatedly emphasized that Iran has the right to develop a peaceful nuclear energy program, but Moscow has urged Iran to voluntarily halt all efforts to enrich uranium as a sign of goodwill and to show greater openness to IAEA inspectors.

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Last month, the IAEA demanded that Iran stop all activities related to uranium enrichment — a

technology that could be used to make weapons. It also called on Tehran to accelerate cooperation with agency inspectors probing past and present nuclear activities and suggested defiance could lead to penalties.

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Four suspected militants arrested in Riyadh

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Security forces have captured four suspected militants, an Interior Ministry spokesman said Sunday, the latest detentions in a Saudi crackdown on Islamic extremists in the kingdom.

Brig. Gen. Mansour al-Turki said all four men were arrested before dawn Saturday. Two of them were detained in Tainar, a village about 85 miles northwest of Riyadh, he said.

"The men did not resist arrest," al-Turki said of those two, adding they were arrested at different locations in the village.

Al-Turki refused to identify the men.

Livestock disease vaccinations in Spain

MADRID, Spain — Veterinarians plan to vaccinate one million head of cattle and swine against broad swaths of southern Spain after detecting an outbreak of a disease called blue tongue.

The illness — which does not affect humans but can kill animals including goats, sheep and deer — is caused by a virus carried by mosquitoes and is characterized by fever, weight loss, inflammation of mucous membranes and hemorrhages. Another symptom is that the animals' tongue can turn blue.

An association of farmers called ASAJA said 25,000 ranches and 5 million cattle are affected by the measure.

From The Associated Press

IN THE STATES



A multicar pileup on Interstate 95 in White Marsh, Md., Saturday. At least 90 vehicles crashed in 17 separate accidents on Interstate 95 Saturday, a string of collisions apparently triggered by sunlight shining off sleet that had just been dumped by a fast-moving storm.

Lack of serious injuries called 'miracle' in -95 pileups in Md.

BY TODD HALLIDY

The Associated Press

WHITE MARSH, Md. — Traffic moved smoothly Sunday on Interstate 95, a day after 92 vehicles crashed in 17 separate accidents apparently triggered by sleet and rain from a fast-moving late afternoon storm.

Nearly 50 people were injured, but no deaths were reported in the crashes along an 11-mile stretch of I-95 in suburban Baltimore, officials said.

State Police Superintendent Col. Thomas "Tim" Hutchins said Sunday that the most serious injury appeared to be a person with a broken leg. "That's a real miracle given the number of vehicles involved in this accident," he said.

All lanes were reopened by 11:40 p.m. Saturday, and traffic was moving smoothly. The accidents started happening about 4:30 p.m.

between White Marsh and Bel Air, after hail and rain fell on the highway. The wreckage forced authorities to close a portion of the interstate for hours. Sixty vehicles were towed away.

"To clear that much wreckage and to have that highway open in seven hours is a real testament to the troopers on the ground" and the other emergency workers, Hutchins said.

Susan Whickers, of Baltimore, said she knew she was in trouble when drivers in all four lanes slammed on their brakes.

"I was thinking, 'Oh God,' because the car in front of us went under a tractor-trailer," she said.

Leslie Baker, an emergency medical technician with the Joppa Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company, said she knew of 49 people who had been injured.

"It's just unbelievable," Maryland State Police Capt. Rob Maroney said. "Amazingly, amazingly, so far, we have no fatalities. We're very, very, very happy that it's gone that way so far."

200 evacuate after freight train derails in S. Calif.

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

The Associated Press

PICO RIVERA, Calif. — A freight train carrying hazardous materials derailed in Southern California, forcing more than 200 people to evacuate and damaging at least four homes. No serious injuries were reported.

Nearly 50 freight cars and trailers jumped the tracks Saturday, Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy Luis Castro said. About 500 gallons of diesel fuel spilled.

Union Pacific spokeswoman Kathryn Blackwell said railroad officials would survey the damage Sunday before deciding when the tracks could be returned to service. In the meantime, freight trains were being diverted to other lines.

Blackwell said the crash may have been caused by a broken rail. "It doesn't appear it was human error," she said.

The train was en route from Los Angeles to Marion, Ark., when it derailed in the Los Ange-

les suburb of Pico Rivera. One resident was treated at the scene for injuries caused by debris, Castro said.

Derailed cars battered two houses and littered several back yards with twisted metal and debris. One boxcar went through the roof of a house, and two others smashed into a wall outside a house next door.

"We want to extend an apology to members of the community for this accident and for the imposition on their lives," Blackwell

said. "We are going to do what we can for them."

A Red Cross evacuation center was opened at a nearby high school, and Union Pacific arranged for displaced families to stay at nearby hotels.

Sara Fabella, 33, was home when she heard the train approaching. She thought the ground was shaking more than it usually does when trains pass, then she heard a loud crash and the lights went out.

"I opened the door and there

was thick black smoke everywhere. The smoke had a funny smell," she said.

Fabella, who is five months pregnant, said she developed a headache soon after the derailment and was concerned about the health of her fetus.

"They say it's small amounts (of hazardous materials), but you never know," she said.

Blackwell said some of the containers carried butane lighters, but no leaks were reported from those.

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Truck carrying illegal immigrants rolls over

Chase ends with 6 dead, 15 hurt

BY ANABELLE GARAY

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — A stolen truck filled with suspected illegal immigrants sped away from deputies and rolled over at a busy intersection near an Army post Saturday, causing an 11-car crash that killed six people and seriously injured 15, sheriff's officials said.

Passengers were thrown from the truck as it struck a center median and began to spiral, hitting vehicles waiting at a turn lane, Deputy Chief Randy Redmond of the Sierra Vista Fire Department said. Investigators think the truck was traveling at 90 mph when it lost control near Fort Huachuca in southeastern Arizona, he said.

At least 20 people were in the truck, Redmond said.

"This is the most multiple fatality accident I've been on," Redmond said. "To have people pinned, the huge language barrier, it was really a horrible, horrible scene."

The impact tore the roofs from

some cars and trapped some motorists in their vehicles, Redmond said.

Five people died at the scene. Two people were flown from the scene and another 20 were transported by ambulance to hospitals, where one victim later died, according to the fire department.

Cochise County deputies believed the truck was carrying illegal immigrants. They first saw the vehicle driving out of a brushy area along a highway and trailed it for a short time, sheriff's spokeswoman Carol Capas said.

Deputies called for backup and stopped chasing the vehicle after the suspect sped away and drove away recklessly, Capas said.

Authorities then spotted the truck heading north on State Route 90. Sierra Vista police officers used air deflation devices to slow the vehicle, said Frank Valenzuela, a spokesman for the Public Safety Department.

The driver lost control shortly before noon at a busy intersection near the east entrance to Fort Huachuca, an Army post next to Sierra Vista. Traffic in the area was diverted to Tombstone while authorities investigated.

The vehicle had been reported stolen in Phoenix, Capas said.

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Shorter tours good idea

In reference to the article "Report: Army could shorten combat tours" (Sept. 28), this is the best idea the Army has come up with, perhaps the solution for the Army's problem on recruiting and retention, especially for those in the Reserve and National Guard.

It could also be the solution for the soldiers who have already have completed their enlistments and still have to serve, and in certain situations against their will. I understand all about deployments, but 12 months or more is too much time for those soldiers in comparison to the Navy or Air Force.

The short tours will work, but not next year or later. If the Army wants to meet the goals for retention, it must start now. Time is the key to success. Soldiers are human beings and it doesn't matter how strong you are, long deployments make you think twice when re-enlisting time comes.

I hope our leaders take action and cut in half the deployment time, keeping in mind the Reserve and Guard first.

Sgt. Cesar Medina

Tail Air Base, Iraq

MLB behind Sox curse

It doesn't amaze me Major League Baseball would attempt the sale of "Who's Your Daddy" T-shirts and invoke the anger of many Boston Red Sox fans that it was intended to make light of.

OK, so MLB officials realized they had finally crossed the line and rescinded the T-shirt sale approval. However, it is way too late for them to apologize for it now. Since it's now become the official chant at Yankee Stadium, their true intent of sanctioning the belittlement of the Red Sox organization, a future Hall of Fame pitcher in Pedro Martinez, and Red Sox fans throughout the world has already been done.

This incident only reinforces my belief that MLB does everything in its power to keep the Red Sox World Championship

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drought in place. It's not a curse the Red Sox suffer from. It's secret and collaborative behind-the-scenes conspiracy by MLB, and it's been going on ever since the 1970s when then MLB commissioner Bowie Kuhn disapproved the Rollie Fingers Joe Ruck, traded from Oakland to Boston because it was "not in the best interest of Major League Baseball."

Just one thing for Yankee fans... I challenge you to act like you've been there before. Sox in seven!

Tom Duggan

Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Garmisch's two Edelweisses

Recently we made a trip to Garmisch, Germany, looking forward to staying at the Armed Forces Recreation Center's new Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. I have been to Garmisch many times and love it. The weather was superb and I thought I found the right hotel but as it turned out, Garmisch now has two Edelweisses hotels. I wound up at the German Hotel Almenrausch und Edelweiss, and it was late in the evening and I was not in the mood to find the American hotel.

Will Iraq elation follow Afghan's example?

(The Baltimore) Sun

The Afghan elections were rough and ready. Many women were intimidated one way or another, security was so flaky that campaigning before the vote was just about impossible, poll workers were barely trained, funny business went on, and the ink was delible. But several large caches of explosives were seized before they could be used to torpedo the election, the Taliban was kept at bay, and some of the angry candidates who said they would boycott the result were cajoled back into the process. Even before the votes have been tallied, the election has to be considered a

significant achievement.

Can it happen again in Iraq, in January? Possibly, but the odds are prohibitive. The differences between the countries, though similar in population size, are immense.

The most important ingredient in Afghanistan was a strong desire by the Afghan people to take part. The elections have been the product of both national and personal transformation.

The sense of an Afghan nation already exists — though building an Afghan state remains a daunting task. Of course the country has ethnic divisions but they don't threaten the concept of Afghanistan itself.

I am glad I didn't. The three-star German Edelweiss hotel was absolutely beautiful and the owners treated us like royalty. The next day we found the AFRC Edelweiss and it was very nice, but not at all like the German Edelweiss.

We can't believe that our AFRC could make such a mistake by having such a similar name and the streets they're located on are so similar in name. The folks who own the German hotel were not at all happy about it — they get phone calls at all hours at night for GIs staying at the American hotel from people who called the wrong hotel. We witnessed many Americans showing up at that hotel with luggage in hand, only to be turned down because they were fully occupied and their taxi already gone.

I do hope that they will change the name of the American hotel. It is confusing and because we are guests in this country we owe it to them. As for us, we will stick with our future visits to the original, German Edelweiss hotel.

Thomas White
West Columbia, S.C.

Preserve individual judgment

It seems one of the inmates in the Puzzle Palace on the Potomac has run amok and confused the Salvation Army with the U.S. military regarding free-time activities.

Forget not what Rudyard Kipling observed: "Single men in barracks don't grow into plaster saints." Military members do not take holy orders, despite the fact that they are sworn to obedience. In my era (I retired in 1974), poverty was a given, but chastity — that alone was left to our own judgment, as it should be.

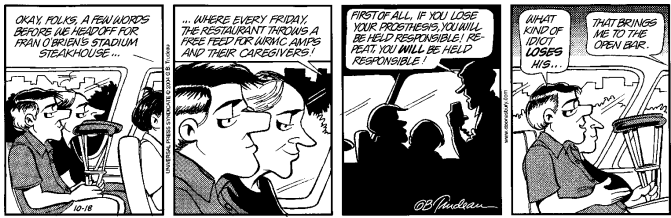
Kadena Air Base, Okinawa

Correction

The letter "Reason Behind UCMJ verbiage" that ran Oct. 12 included an error in its reference to the final article of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. It is Article 146.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Each debate brought new Bush, same Kerry

There are moments in Jon Stewart's hilarious send-up of civic textbooks, "America (The Book)," when the truth pops up like a jack-in-the-box. Consider "The Daily Show"

Ellen Goodman



This is more likely to elicit a groan than a laugh from witnesses to the matchup of these "Skull vs. Bones" men. Neither is a slouch in the ambition category. Yet those of us who watched all the debates saw more than ambition. When taken as a whole, these 90-minute appearances became a three-act play that put President Bush at the center of an unexpected narrative.

It was the man we thought we knew who changed each time he went on stage as if still struggling to find the right way to play himself. It was the president, not his challenger, who seemed different each time.

Act One featured an edgy, scowling George W. astonished to find himself facing a tough critic, and many political audiences before adorning prescreened adjectives. The cameras raised his lectern to the height of his opponent, but on the

split-screen he shrank.

Two starwarred the incumbent on a tear, so belligerent and defensive that at times he seemed to be auditioning for the part of a disgruntled post office employee. "You can run, but you can't hide," may have worked for Joe Louis. In 2004 it's a better phrase to direct at Osama bin Laden than John Forbes Kerry.

As for the final act Wednesday night's debate looked less like "The O'Reilly Factor" and more like "Face the Nation" with a touch of "Oprah."

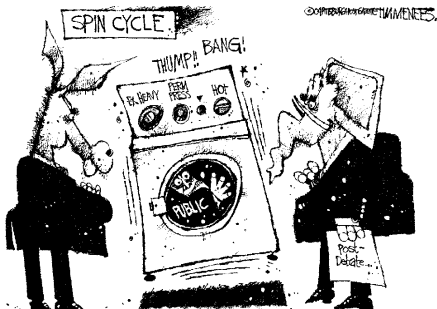
Two men with matching ties and opposing views had memorized the prepared lines of their scriptwriters. "Being lectured by the president on fiscal responsibility is a little bit like Tony Soprano talking to me about law and order in this country," said Kerry. "You know, there's a mainstream in American politics and you sit right on the far left bank," said Bush.

They offered different takes on health care, Social Security, gay marriage and even faith.

On Oct. 3 there was yet another performance. This time, Bush entered stage right, straining for sunshine. He put on a (sometimes) edgy happy face.

I never expected that the president would provide what dramatists call the "through line" of this television drama. After all, George W. Bush has long been seen as simple and direct.

The man who shared the stage with him has been caricatured as a surfer in the wind. Kerry was cast as the unknown, the one to watch. Yet the senator appeared exactly the same in every debate: calm, cool, wordy, steady, unflappable. Like him or not, Kerry was himself. George? He hardly knew yet.



I do not usually play drama critic for presidential politics. The public stage is an odd place to look for authenticity. But campaigns are odd character as well as policy. And character is a dramatist's word. The polls tell you that Americans think the country is on the wrong track. The Bush campaign decided that even those who think we're on the wrong track will follow the old leader if they are unsure of the alternative.

But over the course of these debates, we saw Bush as uncertain in his role as Kerry was steady. Toward the end, both men were asked what they have learned from the

women in their lives. For Bush the lesson he was "to stand up straight and not scowl." For Kerry, the lesson from his mother was "integrity, integrity, integrity." One man remembered stage instructions; the other man remembered the call to character. When the curtain came down, we went back to dueling ads and media sound bites. The images that we saw on television may not withstand the distortions. But for three nights, over three acts, we saw two candidates for the leading role of this country.

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Closing 'the Gap' on Fourth-Generation Warfare

Two superb books put in context the global war on terror, and explain why the battle for Iraq is critical to ultimate victory.

Thomas Barnett is a professor at the Naval War College, and creator of what may be the most famous Pentagon briefing in history.

Jack Kelly



Col. Thomas Hammes is a Marine with considerable experience in intelligence and special operations.

In "The Pentagon's New Map," Barnett defines the security challenge of the 21st century in terms of "the Core" — "prosperous" democracies integrated into the world economy — and "the Gap" (failed states disconnected from globalization). The key to future peace is to reduce the number of states in the Gap.

In "The Sting and the Stone," Col. Hammes describes Fourth-Generation Warfare (4GW), and outlines steps America must take to wage it effectively.

First-generation war, practiced from the misty depths of prehistory to just before World War I, is when groups of soldiers in close proximity whale away at each other with swords, spears, battle-axes and, later, muskets. The objective was to destroy the enemy's fighting forces.

Second-generation war was like the first, with the addition of artillery and other indirect fires. The objective was the same.

Third-generation war, inaugurated by the German blitzkrieg in World War II, shifted the primary objective from the enemy's fighting forces to his logistical base and command and control systems.

In 4GW, inaugurated by Mao Zedong and

improved upon by Vietnamese communists, the main target is the enemy's will to fight. Battlefield successes are less important than the ability to exploit them for propaganda.

Two characteristics of 4GW that differ from earlier generations is that there are no ethical boundaries (noncombatants are often the preferred target because killing them can have a greater impact on enemy morale) and there are no quick victories.

A common theme for Barnett and Hammes is that the Pentagon cannot prepare for war as if it were separable from everything else. In modern war, "everything else" (the economy, public perceptions, nation-building) are often more important than winning fights on the battlefield.

Barnett's is a hopeful book. He believes that globalization has all but outlawed war between states, because the costs of war to a country connected to the world economy vastly outweigh any potential benefits suc-

cessful war could bring. Hammes is less optimistic, but agrees with Barnett that the kind of war for which the Pentagon is preparing is most unlikely to occur.

Nation-building is critical for victory in 4GW conflicts. Only with nation-building can the Gap be shrunk, Barnett says. Only by providing a better idea and example can the United States defeat an ideological group such as al-Qaida, Hammes says.

Both think the Pentagon needs a major overhaul if we're to win the War on Terror.

Barnett thinks our military needs to be divided into a (smaller) traditional military force and a (larger) "system administration" force that would do the dirty work of peacekeeping and nation-building.

Hammes' goals are more modest and more practical: We need fewer of the kinds of units — heavy armor, air defense, tactical fighters, submarines — designed for fighting enemies who have largely vanished, and

more of the kinds of units — military police, intelligence, civil affairs, log infantry — more useful for peacekeeping and nation-building.

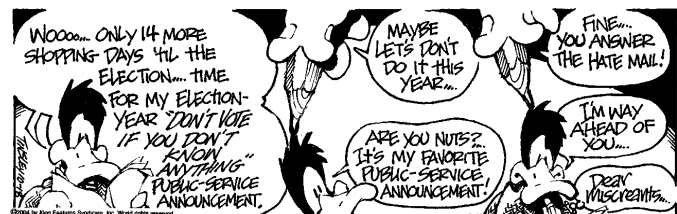
What's needed most in the Pentagon, Barnett and Hammes agree, is a change in attitude. Military leaders must recognize that they need to work closely with civilian agencies to win the War on Terror, and military bureaucracies must be flattened to permit troops in the field to respond more quickly to rapidly developing situations.

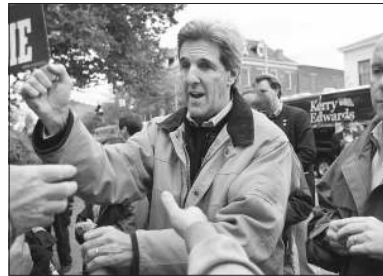
Most important, our military and political leaders must recognize that 4GW conflicts are chiefly wars of ideas, and that the best weapon we have in such conflicts is our better ideas.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY





Far left: President Bush speaks during an outdoor campaign event Saturday held on property owned by International Speedway Corp. in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Left: Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry greets supporters Saturday during a bus campaign stop in Chillicothe, Ohio.

AP

Candidates go negative in battleground states

BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

Bush stumps in Florida; Kerry visits Ohio

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — President Bush turned the tables Saturday on Sen. John Kerry, declaring “the best way to avoid the draft is to vote for me,” and pledged to oppose mandatory military service. The Democrat stuck to domestic issues, blaming Bush for a shortage of flu vaccines.

Kerry also opposes a draft and has suggested that re-electing Bush would greatly increase the prospects for one. The president, fearing that young voters will be swayed by the charge, fired back. “The person talking about a draft is my opponent.”

With new polls showing the race tied or Bush slightly ahead, both candidates found new ways to go negative while rallying supporters in the campaign’s two most crucial states. The incumbent was in Florida, his challenger in Ohio.

Kerry accused Bush of missing signs that a flu vaccine shortage was imminent. The attack fit into a broader campaign theme — that on Iraq, the economy and many other matters, Bush is disconnected from problems facing Americans.

Campaigning in an area heavily depen-

dent on the military, Bush said, “We will not have an all-volunteer army” before correcting himself. “Let me restate that,” he continued. “We will not have a draft ... The best way to avoid a draft is to vote for me.”

Polls show that a majority of young voters believe Bush would reinstitute the draft, despite the president’s denials.

Bush and Kerry tailored their appeals. The Democrat, a Catholic, went to Mass and picked up a hunting license — a pitch to Ohio’s socially conservative Democrats motivated by values and gun rights.

Bush appealed to Florida’s large Jewish population by signing a bill requiring the State Department to document attacks on Jews around the world. The department

had opposed the measure, calling it unnecessary.

Upbeat backdrops — Bush appeared in rock-star fashion at a sports arena in Florida and Kerry greeted well-wishers on the porch of a farm in Ohio — contrasted with the sharply critical messages they conveyed to supporters.

Bush noted that a year ago Sunday his opponent voted against an \$87 billion bill for military reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Senator Kerry apparently decided supporting the troops even while they were in harm’s way was not as important as showing up his own political position,” Bush said.

Kerry, a four-term senator from Massachusetts, voted against the bill to protest

Both campaigns are marshaling armies of lawyers to prepare for the prospect of legal challenges in Florida, Ohio and several other states Election Day.

Bush’s policies on Iraq during the Democratic nomination. Kerry was trying to overtake anti-war candidate Howard Dean.

Seeking political gain from the vaccine shortage, Kerry’s campaign released a television ad that says Bush “failed to fix the problem.”

“Millions of Americans won’t get their flu shots, including seniors and children,” Kerry said while also blasting Bush on joblessness. “We’ve got people standing in line for hours on end, some of them in their 70s and 80s, hoping to be among the lucky ones to get it.”

Kerry hopes the issue cuts against Bush among women and the elderly, especially in Florida, where running mate John Edwards campaigned Saturday. Kerry himself was due in the state Sunday and Monday.

Bush narrowly won Florida after a disputed recount. He won Ohio with relative ease, but the state has lost 237,000 jobs since he took office.

Both campaigns are marshaling armies of lawyers to prepare for the prospect of legal challenges in Florida, Ohio and several other states Election Day. Tom Iosefaki, the Bush campaign’s top lawyer, said Saturday “it may take days or weeks” after Nov. 2 to determine the winner.

Associated Press writers Ron Fournier and Nedra Pickler contributed to this story.

D&D commemorates three decades of rolling the dice

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Thousands of Dungeons & Dragons players gathered in game stores around the country Saturday to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the grandfather of fantasy role-playing games — a pop culture phenomenon that has influenced myriad video games, books and movies.

An estimated 25,000 fans in 1,200 stores celebrated the anniversary Saturday, said Charles Ryan, brand manager for role-playing games at Wizards of the Coast, the Renton, Wash., company that owns Dungeons & Dragons.

Shaunon Drake was at Batty’s Best Comics & Games in Atlanta, where gamers, ranging in age from their early teens to mid-30s, munch pizza and played D&D through the afternoon. Some said they spend three or more nights a week playing.

“The game allows you to live through your character in your favorite fantasy books,” said Drake, sporting an airbrushed T-shirt of himself as a “Game Master” surrounded by flying dragons and other beasts.

For a game with a broad, international following, it had a very modest beginning.

In 1974, 1,000 brown-and-white boxes filled with pamphlets for “Fantastic Medieval Wargames” were distributed by a couple of guys who liked war-playing and decided to set a game in the Middle Ages but with monsters and fantastic heroes.

Dungeons & Dragons went on to become one of the best-selling games of all time, inspiring fan devotion so great that some travel thousands of miles to play in tournaments.



Taylor Babcock, left, reacts after rolling the dice Saturday while playing Dungeons & Dragons in Falcon Heights, Minn., at the game’s creator Dave Arneson, center, and Alex Mears-Freeman look on.

There have been Dungeons & Dragons books, movies, puzzles, even a Saturday-morning cartoon show.

The game peaked in the 1980s, but there are plenty of fans left.

Some 4 million people play D&D regularly. Many of them laugh at a common suggestion that fantasy gamers are geeks. Of course they are, they say.

“I think a lot of people who get drawn to this game are loners, but here’s the real opportunity to come out of that shell and feel safe about it,” said fan Mitch Hamburger, 32.

Court: 9/11 can’t justify searching of protesters

BY C.G. WALLACE
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Fear of a terrorist attack is not sufficient reason for authorities to search people at a protest, a federal appeals court has ruled, saying Sept. 11 “cannot be the day liberty perished.”

A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled unanimously Friday that protesters may not be required to pass through metal detectors when they gather next month for a rally against a U.S. training academy for Latin American soldiers.

Authorities began using the metal detectors at the annual School of the Americas protest after the 2001 terrorist attacks, but the court found that practice to be unconstitutional.

“We cannot simply suspend or restrict civil liberties until the War on Terror is over, because the War on Terror is unlikely ever to be truly over,” Judge Gerald Tjoflat wrote for the panel.

“Sept. 11, 2001, already a day of immeasurable tragedy, cannot be

the day liberty perished in this country.”

City officials in Columbus, Ga., contended the searches are needed because of the elevated risk of terrorism, but the court threw out that argument, saying it would “eviscerate the Fourth Amendment.”

“In the absence of some reason to believe that international terrorists would target or infiltrate this protest, there is no basis for using Sept. 11 as an excuse for searching the protesters,” the court said.

About 15,000 demonstrators attended the annual vigil, demanding the closing of a school they allege teaches Latin American soldiers to violate the human rights of poor people in their home countries.

The facility at Fort Benning was once known as the School of the Americas, but reopened in January 2001 as the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

The protests began in 1990. This year’s demonstration is scheduled for Nov. 20-21.

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Hate graffiti

PA ERIE — Vandals spray-painted a swastika and other white supremacist graffiti onto a synagogue, police said.

Officials at the Temple Anshe Hessed found the graffiti last week.

In addition to the swastika, two eights — which white supremacists use to refer to the letter H — is a shorthand for "Heil Hitler."

They were also spray-painted next to a couple of lightning bolts, the symbol for the SS troops who ran Nazi concentration camps.

The graffiti also included the number 14. Police said the number is a shorthand way to refer to David Lane, a white-supremacist convicted of killing a Jewish talk show host in Denver.

Ann Van Dyke, an investigator with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, said a white supremacist group has been trying to recruit youths in the state in recent weeks.

But authorities have stopped short of tying the vandalism to the group. Van Dyke said that in most instances, hate crimes are the work of white teenagers who are not linked to an organized hate group.

Suspect electrocuted

HI HONOLULU — A Lahaina man who nearly killed himself while trying to steal a copper cable from a Maui Electric Co. distribution system was recovering at a Honolulu hospital, Maui police said.

The Lahaina man was taken to Straub Clinic & Hospital in critical condition with third-degree burns to his upper body following the incident.

The suspect, who knocked out power to 1,600 homes and businesses in West Maui for about an hour, crawled to a service station after he was electrocuted, police said.

The suspect got through the outer layer of insulation when he was electrocuted, police said.

DNA may clear convict

UT SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Attorney General's office recommended that a judge toss a murder conviction that has kept a man in prison for 19 years after DNA evidence suggested he didn't commit the crime.

Bruce Dallas Goodman, 53, was convicted in 1984 of killing his girlfriend, 21-year-old Sherry Ann Fales Williams. She was found raped, sodomized, beaten to death and left bound just off an interstate exit near Beaver, Utah.

A judge in a bench trial convicted Goodman on circumstantial evidence. A rope used to tie Williams up was the same kind used at Goodman's workplace, and a crude, early blood test revealed secretions from a blood type that matched Goodman's — but also about a third of the rest of the population.

The Rocky Mountain Innocence Center obtained two body fluid samples, a vaginal wash and cigarette butt from the crime lab's evidence repository. The results showed two men, neither of them Goodman, and neither of them identifiable.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Casinos stay offshore

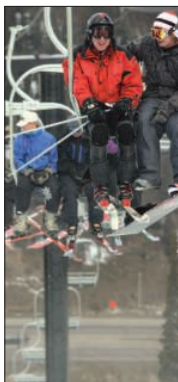
MS JACKSON — A committee looking at ways to protect Mississippi Gulf Coast casinos from hurricanes has been asked to drop discussions of moving some gambling barges inland. Mississippi Secretary of State Eric Clark is the one who made the request.

Clark argues moving casinos on land would prevent the state from collecting tidelands leases that generate about \$6 million a year for environmental protection, parks, piers and educational programs.

Trying to keep base open

IN SWITZ CITY — A group of state and local officials say they are optimistic that their campaign to help the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center survive the next round of military base closings will be successful. Bill Cassidy, the state's lobbyist for military facilities in Washington, says he, Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis and former U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh met late last month with senior Navy, Army and Marine officials to tout the advantages of the base.

About 4,000 people work at Crane. Their work ranges from modifying weapons for special forces to repairing night-vision goggles and testing laser-guided bombs.



Enjoying the snow

Skiers pack the lift during the opening day at Loveland Ski Area in Colorado.

Streaker jailed

PA TOWANDA — A high school graduate was sentenced to up to two years in jail for streaking the graduation ceremony from which he had been excluded.

Russell Chmielewski, 18, pleaded guilty to first-degree indecent exposure and must serve six months to two years. Because the charge is a misdemeanor, he can stay in a county jail, rather than state prison.

The first-degree charge was made because children were in the crowd when Chmielewski ran across the football field where the Towanda High School graduation ceremony was held in June.

Police said Chmielewski was upset that school officials excluded him from the ceremony because he graduated in January.

Drug arrests net dozens

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — Dozens of people have been arrested in a raid on a drug trafficking operation that smuggled tons of Mexican marijuana into the state. Guns and cash were also seized as authorities broke up an operation with ties to a Mexican drug cartel. State, local and federal officers were in the process of arresting 62 suspects. The drugs would arrive in Oklahoma hidden in the floors and walls of tractor-trailer rigs.

Helmet law under fire

NV LAS VEGAS — Two California men are challenging Nevada's motorcycle helmet law in federal court, calling it unconstitutional vague and impossible to follow. Steve Bianco and Richard Quigley are members of the group Bikers of Lesser Tolerance.

Their lawyer, Kate Wells, of Santa Cruz, Calif., says a ruling in the case could invalidate helmet laws in Nevada and elsewhere around the country. Wells says Nevada law requires motorcyclists to wear U.S. Department of Transportation-approved helmets. But the federal agency doesn't provide such approvals.

Photo flap continues

NH LONDONDERRY — The Londonderry School Board has voted unanimously to ban a picture of a pupil posing with a shotgun from the senior photo section from the Londonderry High School yearbook.

The five-member board backed a compromise offered by the school that would allow senior Blake Douglas to have the photo published in a "community sports" section and to have a new photo — without the gun but featuring other elements of skeet and trap shooting — taken for the seniors' section.

Penny Dean, Douglas' lawyer, immediately requested a motion for reconsideration, which was denied. Dean said she intends to file a complaint in U.S. District Court. She said the National Rifle Association had pledged to back the case in court financially.

The hearing revolved around a photo Douglas wanted to have published as his senior portrait. It featured Douglas in traditional sportsman's pose, wearing an Oxford shirt, navy vest and smiling, holding a broke-open 20-gauge shotgun over his shoulder.



Scary scarecrow

A scarecrow in Emporia, Kan., moons passersby with two strategically placed pumpkins.



Using her muscles

Las Cruces Police Officer Kiri Daines, dressed as Spider-Man, looks for motorists who don't stop as she uses the pedestrian crosswalk in Las Cruces, N.M. The city police were cracking down on motorists who failed to yield to people in the crosswalks, she said.

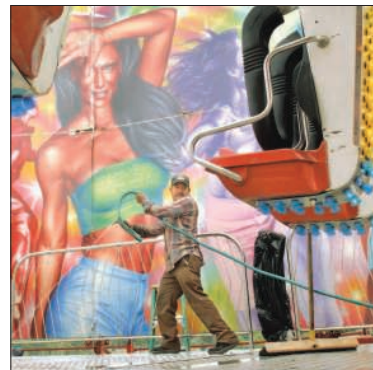


Time to dig for clams

Tracing a line back to the car with their shovels, Helen and Gene Stover head to the beach at Ocean Shores, Wash., for an afternoon of clam digging, the first day of the 2004-05 coastal Washington clam season.



Future and past collide Meriwether Lewis impersonator Scott Mandrell makes a cell phone call in Fort Yates, N.D., before heading up the Missouri River on motorized keel boat. Mandrell and other members of the Discovery Expedition are retracing the route traveled by Lewis and Clark and the Corp of Discovery 200 years ago.



Hosing it down Angel Sota pulls a water hose through the Remix ride at the James E. Strates Show at the Anderson County, S.C., Fairgrounds in Anderson, S.C.



Taking a power nap Synthi Seighman, 1, of Denham Springs, La., rests while visiting the Canton Flea Market with her mother, Tallie Seighman, in Canton, Miss.



Postcard perfect A rainbow forms over the Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, N.H.

Whisky fund-raiser

CA BEN LOMOND — Pre-teen schoolers have parents hitting the bottle.
Parents and staff of the Children's Center of San Lorenzo Valley planned a whisky fund-raiser after the school's Santa Cruz County grant was cut for a second year. They've hired Ray Pearson to introduce area residents to the finer points of single-malt Scotch whisky at a \$35-a-person fund-raiser Saturday.

"There's a lot of chuckling when people think of someone as needing guidance in how to drink," Pearson said. "It's not a booze fest," he said. Besides tasting, Pearson presents a history lesson, a show-and-tell discussion about artifacts he has collected from Scottish distilleries, including an antique malt shovel and a hunk of peat moss.

"There's been a lot of apprehension," said Karla Kleinsasser, director of the private nonprofit preschool. "Some staff didn't want the school associated with this. People said, 'alcohol ruins families.' We knew it was a gamble."

The school needs the money, she said.

We need to get a base of supporters outside our parents," she said. "You can't just keep having Tupperware parties."

Bodies, boat recovered

HI HONOLULU — Fire department rescue workers recovered two bodies and a small boat from waters west of popular Ala Moana Beach Park and searched for a possible third body.

A call from people at Kewalo Basin, west of the beach and across the street from Ward Warehouse shopping complex, reported one body in the water, said Honolulu Fire Department spokesman Capt. Emmitt Kane.

When the recovery team arrived, surfers immediately pointed to a second body, he said.

Kane said it was unclear what had happened but a small boat, 10- to 12-foot long, was recovered from the water during the recovery operation and placed on Ala Moana Beach.

Duke preserves forest

NC DURHAM — Duke University has signed an agreement with the state to preserve 1,200 acres of Duke Forest from development, school officials said. The agreement with the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources will put 1,200 acres in the Registry of Natural Heritage Areas. Landowners who place their land in the registry make a voluntary, nonbinding commitment to preserve their natural areas.

Airport put up for sale

PA EAGLES MERE — Borough officials are looking for any flight enthusiasts who might want to buy an old airport.

The borough has decided to sell a 180-acre property that was once home to Eagles Mere Airport. The land, which is actually located in Shrewsbury Township, is on a high plateau southwest of the Eagles Mere Country Club. It was laid out in 1947 and hangers were added in

1949; it was officially taken off Federal Aviation Administration records in 1986.

No hangers remain on the property today, but it has been kept mowed so that it could be used as a site for an emergency landing.

Officials have not yet determined how they will go about selling the property, and they also have not decided on an asking price.

Math doesn't add up

CA LOS ANGELES — The nation's second-largest school district has trouble with math. State aid to the Los Angeles Unified School District will drop by \$22 million because officials miscalculated enrollment, which dropped by about 4,000 more than expected. School board member David Tokofsky says someone should be responsible for the error. "This is two years in a row where the predictions are off in the thousands," he said.

Casting their nets again

ME LAMONIE — Around the south end of Mount Desert Island, 6,300 acres of fishing grounds have been reopened.

Some areas had been closed to shellfish harvesting for more than two decades.

Officials said red tide warnings curbed the impact of the re-openings during the summer.

The Maine Department of Marine Resources is working statewide to identify discharge sources and reopen as much water to fishing as possible, according to department water quality specialist John Fend.

Reminder to spell check

CA LIVERMORE — A Miami artist has agreed to correct the spelling errors on the ceramic mural she assembled outside the city's new library.

Maria Alquilar, who originally refused to fix the misspellings despite being paid \$40,000 for the project, said Assistant City Manager Jim Piper persuaded her to re-think her decision.

"He convinced me the easiest way to lay the matter to rest is to correct it," Alquilar said. "I really want people to see the work's meaning so they stop making issues of things that are unimportant."

Library staff counted 11 misspellings in the names of Einstein, Shakespeare, Vincent Van Gogh, Michelangelo and seven other historical figures.

Alquilar, who has called the mosaic's message one of "enlightenment" and pursuit of knowledge, said officials overseeing the project bore some responsibility for not catching errors before she cemented the tiles.

The mosaic mess became a local controversy after the city acknowledged it would pay Alquilar \$6,000 plus travel expenses to return and fix the misspellings.

Alquilar said she intends to sign a \$6,000 contract to correct the errors, but plans to wait for the issue to cool down before she returns to do the work.

"I'm not racing out there right away, and when I do, it won't be with a big announcement," she said.

Stories and photos from wire services

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Stars push politics, but will it matter?

Entertainers express views, hoping to inspire voters at polls

Editor's note: Arts and entertainment have long converged with politics. But this year, something different is in the air, and on movie screens, in bookstores, on the radio, and everywhere else media is consumed.

The Associated Press presents a detailed look at this phenomenon over the next six days.

BY DOUGLAS J. ROWE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — "If you want to send a message," movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn once said, "call Western Union," referring to the company's telegram service.

Translation: The job of entertainers is entertainment. Leave politics to the politicians. Controversy just alienates the audience.

But Goldwyn is dead 30 years, and in 2004, his maxim has been buried with him. This year more than ever, artists are using their art to make a difference in the electoral process — to inspire voters to follow their lead at the polls.

"Fahrenheit 9/11" has smashed the box-office record for documentaries. In arenas around the country, music stars are performing with the hope they'll get people to vote — the way they want them to. Even punk rockers have gotten back into the act, while painters and sculptors have been infused with an election-year muse.

Some of the politicization of entertainment is neutral.

"America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction" by the writers of news satire cable show "The Daily Show" tops the best-seller list, while the program hosted by Jon Stewart mocks both candidates.

But many in the entertainment industry are sending a partisan message, and they're not relying on Western Union. Lopsidedly, their candidate is John Kerry over President Bush. Still, it remains an open question whether they will sway any voters.

"It is more likely that someone who hears a celebrity speak out for a specific candidate will form a new opinion about that celebrity as opposed to forming a new opinion about the candidate," maintains Robert Thompson, a professor of media and culture and director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University.

Kevin M. Scott of Elizabethtown (Pa.) College also doubts Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" or Bruce Springsteen's "Vote for Change" tour will change any minds. But he suspects it "might get a Kerry supporter to become more involved, volunteer time, and this might lead to more voters."

And that winds up being a de facto rebuttal to the criticism it's all just "preaching to the choir," says Kathy M. Newman, associate professor of English at Carnegie Mellon University.

"As a life mentor once pointed out to me, most preaching is to the choir," she says. "In other words, like the leading of a favorite pastor, political culture energizes the base, cleanses the soul, reinvigorates the congregation,



Michael Stipe and Tracy Chapman share a laugh during the end of the 'Vote for Change' concert in Orlando, Fla., Oct. 8. The pair joined John Fogerty, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band and the rest of REM for a star-studded finale.

allows time for reflection and contemplation, and provides a gathering place."

Terry Paulson, a psychologist and author of "The Dinner: The Political Conversation Your Mother Took You Never to Have," sees the rash of movies, concerts, book, comedy tours and TV shows as "a reflection of suppressed anger over the contested election of George W. Bush in 2000 that has finally broken free to surface."

"The 'selected not elected' mantra that was so strong early was silenced by the need to rally in support of a leader facing the 9/11 tragedy and a war against terrorism," Paulson says.

So entertainers can help frame and propel election year discourse.

Jim Farrelly, director of film studies at the University of Dayton and pop culture expert, credits Moore "with teaching the media how to cover a president and his politics with both insight and panache."

More and his political filmmakers — with such movies as "Silver City," "Going Upriver: The Long War of John Kerry" and "Bush's Brain" — have their work complemented by the likes of "The Daily Show," Farrelly notes.

"Add to the mix the antics of Letterman, Leno," he says, "and you've got a TV version of 'Fahrenheit 9/11' playing in our living room five nights a week."

Certainly "celebrity politics" is not a new phenomenon in American history. During World War II Hollywood stars sold bonds, entertained the troops, even enlisted. In the 1960 presidential election, Frank Sinatra famously supported John F. Kennedy.

But in the past, celebs typically would simply speak out on their pet topics — not use their art to rock the vote. At the 1973 Academy Awards, Marlon Brando refused to accept his best actor Oscar for "The Godfather" to protest treatment of American Indians, and Vanessa Redgrave collected her statuette for 1977's "Julia" while railing against "Zionist hoodlums" challenging her pro-Palestinian sympathies.

In the late 1960s and throughout the '70s and '80s, many of the world's biggest music stars organized concerts that attacked the Vietnam War, nuclear weapons, world hunger, environmental destruction and corporate greed.

But for a long time, people in the entertainment industry bent over backward to be apolitical, too.

The old Hollywood studio bosses, including Goldwyn, were careful not to engage in politics except to frame a "perfect" America through their movies, points out Allan Sax, a University of Texas (at Arlington) associate professor of political science. "They went out of their way mostly not to alienate anyone," he says.

Hartwick College political science professor Andrew Seligson in Oneonta, New York, sees one of the most important developments during the 2004 presidential election as the willingness of entertainers to support specific candidates, rather than issues. In the past, he says, they "sought to avoid the impression that they are shilling for someone."

An odd request for Oprah

If you really want something, ask the woman who gave cars to her daytime talk-show audience. "SEND ME BACK TO PRISON!" My final plea is to you Miss Winfrey," reads a billboard in suburban Chicago aimed at Oprah Winfrey, host of the syndicated "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Christian musician and songwriter David Joseph paid for the ad.

He says he spent years performing for federal inmates until funding dried up in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Joseph, who said he made \$20,000 a year performing in 80 to 90 prisons, isn't necessarily asking Winfrey to write a check.

"My main desire is to tell my story on a taping of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show,'" he said. Joseph hopes that by telling his story, he can interest someone in picking up the tab.

Winfrey, already known for giving gifts to her studio audience, one-upped herself last month when she celebrated the premiere of her 19th season by giving a car to each of the 276 people at the show's taping.



Winfrey

Singer charged with tax evasion

R&B singer Ronald Isley is in tax trouble again.

Isley has been indicted for evading taxes from 1997 to 2002 by allegedly depositing his dead brother's royalty checks, buying personal cars using a business account and using cash to keep payments to band members off the books, authorities said.

A federal grand jury returned the indictment, the Internal Revenue Service said in a statement.

Isley, 63, is charged with five counts of tax evasion and one count of failing to file an income tax return.

Bullock wins suit over shoddy house

Sandra Bullock was awarded about \$7 million in damages when a jury agreed with her claim that a builder did shoddy work on her Lake Austin, Texas, home.

The star of the "Speed" movies and romantic comedies such as "Miss Congeniality" has been locked in a legal battle with the builder of a lakefront home she has never moved into.

Travis County jurors had to consider 48 questions before reaching a verdict. Among the questions were whether a contract between Bullock and Daneshjoo was breached, whether labor and material costs were inflated, and whether Daneshjoo violated federal racketeering laws.

Jurors answered six of those questions in Bullock's favor, awarding what her lawyers estimate will be about \$7 million in damages, including lawyers' fees, the Austin American-Statesman reported on its Web site.

Parton helps the unknown get famous

When Dolly Parton decided to launch her tour this fall, she invited a new and largely unknown bluegrass band to back her.

"It was big news for us because we're just getting started," said Jamie Johnson, a singer and guitar player for The Grassroots, a six-piece group that will release its debut album Feb. 8. The album includes Parton singing on a remake of Elvis Presley's "Viva Las Vegas."

The band, which also backs Parton on her upcoming album, opens her shows with their own 25-minute set, then joins her for performances of hits such as "Coat of Many Colors," "9 to 5" and "Here You Come Again," as well as her more recent bluegrass-flavored material.

While the opportunity is invaluable for a new group, it's also a challenge.

"We did have to step up a couple of notches and entertain," he said. "It's a full production with a big fancy stage. It's not like bluegrass where you just stand there. We had to do some extra things — like smile from time to time."

Stories and photos from wire services



Bullock



Parton

Frozen DNA may preserve endangered species

BY ROBERT S. BOYD

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — If Noah were still around, he'd surely give his blessing to an international science project called the Frozen Ark — an attempt to preserve the DNA of thousands of the world's endangered species before they go extinct.

As Noah saved doomed creatures from the biblical flood on his wooden ark, so the scientists' goal is to salvage the rapidly shrinking biological record of life on Earth.

In the distant future, they may even try to resurrect vanished creatures. DNA, the genetic code for building all living things, theoretically could be used to reconstruct a simple animal like a beetle or a jellyfish, but likely not a "Jurassic Park"-style dinosaur.

"Despite the best efforts of many people and conservationists, hundreds of thousands of extinctions have taken place before the animals could be rescued," said British zoologist Ann Clarke, director of the Frozen Ark project. Another 10,000 species are expected to disappear in the next 50 years.

"We aim to collect their DNA," Clarke said in an e-mail from her office at the Institute of Genetics at the University of Nottingham in England. "The loss of a species by extinction causes the irreplaceable loss of millions of years of evolution. If the cells and DNA are preserved, much of this information is saved."

Among the first species whose genes are in storage at the Natural History Museum in London are the scimitar-horned oryx, a Sahara desert antelope; the Socorro dove, which lives only on one island off Mexico; Australia's hairy-nosed wombat; and the yellow seahorse.

A similar project, dubbed the Frozen Zoo, stores genetic material at the San Diego Zoo's Center for the Reproduction of Endangered Species. The San Diego collection includes DNA from the giant panda, the California condor and the Hawaiian monk seal, of which only three individuals are left on Earth.

Australia, China and India are also collecting genetic material from threatened animals. The global database on the Internet will serve as a central reference library for researchers.

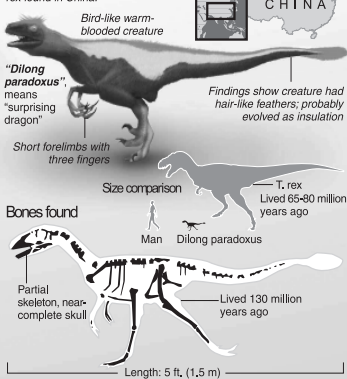
The DNA, cells and tissues — frozen in liquid nitrogen at 321 degrees below zero — should remain viable for thousands of years if properly maintained, said William Holt, a biologist at the Zoological Society of London.

Future candidates for preservation will be drawn from the "Red Data" list of endangered animals maintained by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (see www.redlist.org). Priority goes to animals in danger of extinction within the next five years.

New Tyrannosaurus rex fossils found

Fluffy dinosaur

Fossil remains of oldest and smallest known ancestor of Tyrannosaurus rex found in China.



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Fossils shows that dinosaur may have been covered with feathers

BY ROBERT LEE HOTZ

Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — Earth's fiercest family of predators — the toothsome Tyrannosaurs — may have been cloaked in downy feathers like a baby bird, a new fossil discovery in China suggests.

Scientists at the American Museum of Natural History in New York and the Chinese Academy of Sciences announced this week they had unearthed unusually well preserved fossils of the earliest known ancestor of Tyrannosaurus rex in western Liaoning province in China.

The 128 million-year-old fossils preserve clear impressions of lacy feather-like filaments from head to tail, offering the first fossil evidence that the skin of these predators was plumed.

Formally named "Dilong paradoxus" — the emperor dragon — the slender, four-foot-long carnivore had unusually long arms and three-fingered hands. Rows of curving blade-like teeth lined its jaws.

Its primitive feathers may have served to keep it warm, researchers said.

The discovery, detailed in the

current issue of *Nature*, adds to an emerging mosaic of dinosaur characteristics that emphasizes their kinship with modern birds, said American museum paleontologist Mark A. Novell, who was studying the find in his office this week.

So quickly have conventional notions of dinosaur appearance and conduct changed, he said, that the computer-animated denizens of Jurassic Park now seem as outdated as the musty images from a 19th century science text.

Indeed many hundreds of fossils of feathered dinosaurs have come to light in recent years that it was not the existence of feathers that made the discovery so interesting to scientists, but rather its claim to be the most known ancestor of all the tyrannosaurs — the last and most successful of all the carnivorous dinosaurs.

"We've a lot of feathered dinosaurs now, so that was not so exciting," said Xing Xu, a paleontologist at the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology in Beijing, who was the lead author of the research paper.

"Then we realized we had a feathered tyrannosaur," the paleontologist said. "Now, that was exciting."

Police doubt man's story of wife's death

BY KIM CURTIS

The Associated Press

VALLEJO, Calif. — The husband's story was extraordinary: He and his wife spent the afternoon cruising the bay on their watercraft before becoming bogged down in thick off-shore mud. The vessel caught fire and sank, the couple was stranded for hours, and the wife was dead the next morning.

An autopsy soon revealed that Jennifer Easterling had been assaulted. The husband, Corbin Easterling, now sits in jail, accused of murdering his wife of seven months.

"There were injuries that were consistent with an assault," Sonoma sheriff's Lt. Dave Edmonds said Friday, refusing to elaborate on how the woman was killed. The couple had a history of domestic violence, said Sgt. Steve Freitas.

Police are now checking into key aspects of the husband's story — such as whether they were in fact stranded in San Pablo Bay overnight Monday. Edmonds would not say whether police recovered a cell phone or whether any calls were made, and results of blood tests for drugs and alcohol were pending.

Earlier, Easterling had spoken to the San Francisco Chronicle about his ordeal, chain-smoking and drinking heavily from a liter bottle of whiskey during the interview.

He said the couple hit the water about 11 a.m. Monday after stopping for drinks at a local bar. He said they were life vests and spent much of the afternoon cruising in their WaveRunner before it sank, leaving just its nose poking out of the water.

As the sun set, they called Jennifer Easterling's father, Richard Jevarian, in Sonoma and told him they were stranded.

Jevarian told the Chronicle he talked to both his daughter and her husband, advising them to call 911 and call him back. They never did.

Easterling says that was when they lost



Jennifer Easterling, shown in this undated family photo, died after she and her husband, Corbin Easterling, were stranded in the chilly water of San Pablo Bay on their personal watercraft last week in Vallejo, Calif. Corbin Easterling was arrested Thursday night as a suspect in his wife's death after police became suspicious of his story of events.

their cell phone. He said he shouted in vain for help all night.

"I figured her dad would call the Coast Guard and we would be saved that night," Easterling told the Chronicle. "I was hoping we don't go out to sea and kept wondering how we were going to get back to shore, and I was worried about sharks. It didn't ever dawn on me that my wife would pass on."

The next morning, when Jevarian had not heard from his daughter, he reported the cou-

ple missing. About two hours later, the Coast Guard rescued Easterling and recovered his wife's body. Later, the Coast Guard recovered the watercraft and turned it over to Sonoma County authorities.

Officials interviewed Easterling twice Wednesday at the doublewide trailer he shared with his wife in Vallejo, about 25 miles northeast of San Francisco. They arrested him at a friend's home Thursday after receiving the autopsy report.

Local police have dealt with the couple before. Easterling, 35, is an ex-convict who served time in San Quentin and Folsom prisons for evading a police officer, drug possession and parole violations, according to corrections records.

His wife, also 35, had a history of domestic violence arrests.

She was arrested at least three times for allegedly beating up the father of her older child, vandalizing his car, disturbing the peace and possession of drug paraphernalia.

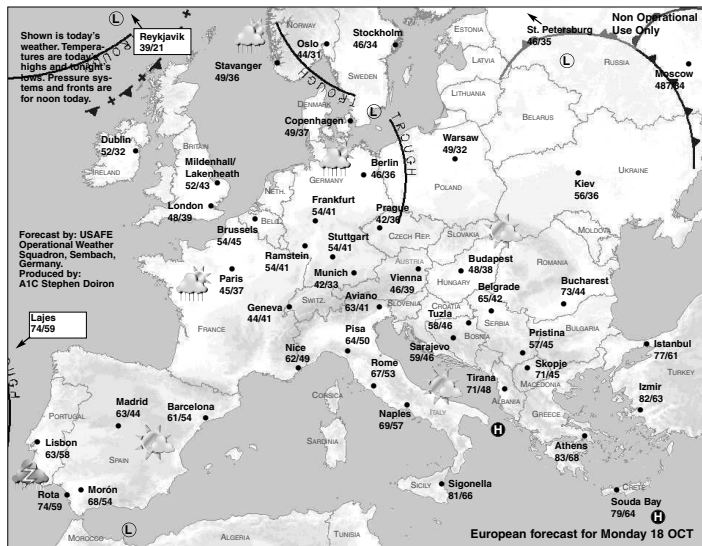
Because she skipped an Oct. 4 court hearing on the domestic violence charges, a bench warrant was issued for her arrest on Wednesday — the day after her body was found.

Jevarian said his daughter and Easterling had a "loving relationship, a partying relationship." But he also conceded that "there was a lot of drama."

The couple met about six years ago at a cocktail lounge, Easterling said. They had a 1-year-old daughter together, and were married in March. The child was in foster care, according to Freitas.

Neither had regular jobs: He recently applied for disability payments because of a foot injury; she worked odd and on for Sola County.

Corbin Easterling's stepmother, Peggy Easterling, told the Chronicle her stepson was distraught about losing his wife, but was "clouded" about the details. "I know that accident was a total accident and they did everything to try and save each other," she said.



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers in the morning becoming partly cloudy in the evening. Highs in the mid 50s with lows in the mid 40s.

Britain, Ireland: Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s to low 50s, with lows low to upper 30s to low 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the upper 50s to upper 60s, with lows in the mid 40s to upper 40s.

France: Cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the mid 40s to low 50s, with lows in the upper 30s to upper 40s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs will be in the upper 40s to mid 50s, with lows in the mid 30s to low 40s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with morning rainshowers. Highs will be in the low 40s to mid 50s, with lows in the low 30s to low 40s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs will be in the upper 50s, with lows in the low 40s.

Northern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs will be in the low to mid 60s, with lows in the low 40s to mid 50s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs will be in the upper 60s, with lows in the low to upper 50s.

Kosovo: Mostly cloudy with morning fog. Highs will be in the upper 50s, with lows in the mid 40s.

Norway: Cloudy with rainshowers. Highs will be in the mid to upper 40s, with lows in the low to mid 30s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low to upper 60s and mid 70s, with lows in the mid 40s to mid 50s.

Turkey: Sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s to low 80s, with lows in the low 60s.

KEY: Sunny, Partly cloudy, Cloudy, Rain, Thunder, Snow, Fog, Ice, Wind, Tornado, Rain, Rainbow, Snow

Legend: Cold front, Warm front, Trough, Occluded front, Stationary front, Low, High

AFRICA

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Cape Town	66	58	Mogadishu	86	75
Dakar	54	44	Nairobi	75	47
Freeport	88	75	Rabat	77	56
Marakech	87	72	Tripoli	83	63

THE WORLD

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Amsterdam	48	41	Manila	85	77
Bahran	84	80	Mexico City	74	58
Beijing	65	53	Montreal	53	47
Bombay	83	74	Niagara	87	72
Buenos Aires	78	66	Rio de Jan.	78	67
Calcutta	82	59	Riyadh	87	47
Harbin	48	34	Sofia	68	44
Hong Kong	79	72	Sydney	61	38
London	63	58	Tokyo	67	57

TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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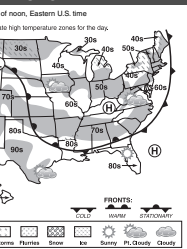
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SUN & MOON

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Sunrise (Baghdad)	7:10 AM	6:58 PM
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	7:54 AM	7:55 AM
Sunset (Baghdad)	7:11 AM	6:25 PM
Sunset (Frankfurt)	6:29 PM	6:27 PM



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Horoscope

The moon is void most of the morning, which could cause a late start to the day emotionally speaking. It's not the easiest thing to get into the right frame of mind to work, but every frame of mind is good for something. Leave the intellectual heavy lifting for the late afternoon. Use the early hours to fill your stapler, stock your stamps, and so on.

Joyce Jillson



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(October 18). Your idea of progress has shifted. This year, the stars are higher, and you're more willing to do what it takes to get there, too. Confidence builds through this month, and if single, you attract new love to your side. Together, you make a power couple. Existing couples could go into business together or make a big joint purchase in November.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You'll feel as though you're on cloud nine. In this state, it's hard to imagine there might be a cloud 10 or 11. Continue to see new possibilities instead of feeling like you are only worthy of a certain amount of pleasure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Get more people on your side. Colleagues, friends, neighbors and authority figures will be more willing to help you out in the future because of the kindly gestures you offer. Keep treats on your desk for your co-workers!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Handle all those technical issues you've been avoiding. It takes time to save time. For example, even if it takes you five hours to get the DSL line set up, you'll save hours of waiting around for your dial-up to get the job done.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You're smart, and you're informed so what more does the boss need? Probably some emotional support, too. Your special brand of care is something that people can't get elsewhere. You'll be doing a lot of listening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Expecting perfection is silly. And if you continue to do this on a consistent

basis, it's just plain paralyzing. So loosen up. Unusual activities make your experiences colorful and bright, and bring you the most interesting stories to tell.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You're not a victim. You are in control of what happens to you. Affirm the former, and repeat the latter over and over. You'll start to realize that something you're doing is contributing to the way things are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Your usual diplomacy might be difficult to keep up because events are happening so quickly. Just be careful to give credit where credit is due. If you retell somebody else's idea, make sure to say whose it was.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Though you may be hoping for a relationship that brings satisfaction, your time is better spent seeking the satisfaction first and the relationship second. Go by yourself to the movies, a museum or the bookstore.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The smartest people you know will offer their resources if you'll only stop to listen. However, do make sure that the smartest people you know are really smart and that you're not being fooled by fancy rhetoric.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Move and shake with the movers and shakers. Important meetings are featured. Think ahead. Have plenty to report about the topics you're likely to cover. Join the "now" crowd. Read everything you can get your hands on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You are an excellent judge of character when others are not. So watch out for loved ones. If you get a funny feeling about one of their friends or business associates, speak up — in the gentilest, most helpful tone, of course.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Once known a Pisces who, when invited to a party, would actually bring a book. Your sign can be shy or can be incredibly communicative. Remember that introversion is a choice — and one that doesn't serve you now.

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Calvin and Hobbes



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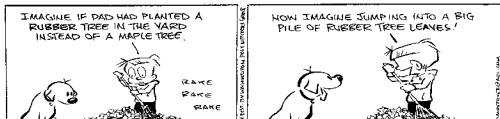
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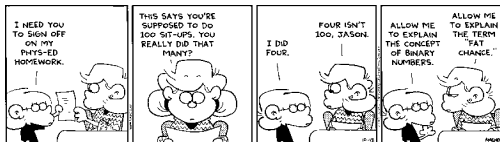
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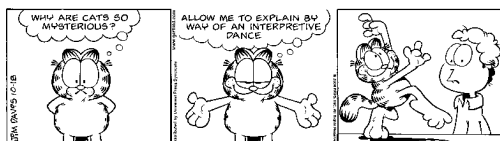
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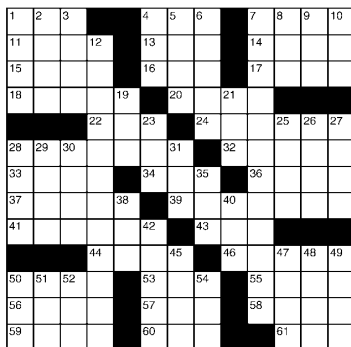
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19 "Forward"
20 Right away
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24 John and Yoko's Manhattan home
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32 Big name in photo equipment
33 Emanation
34 Chatter
36 Links warning
37 Lock
39 High-speed electron
41 "Blackdraft" director
43 Lots of noise
44 Oak or pine
46 Scotland yard?
50 Boo-Boo's big buddy
53 Become one
55 Sci-fi mentor
56 Unyielding
57 Ram's mate
58 Grand story
59 Kilimanjaro, e.g.
- 60 Caustic solution
61 Unkempt place
- 29 Modern money
30 All hands on deck?
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

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FMWPOP: OWBOH-TIF!
Saturday's Cryptoquip: AFTER CARRYING AROUND A HUGE ATTACHE ALL DAY LONG, THE ATTORNEY FINALLY RESTED HIS CASE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals Q

Grandma can't be trusted with kid

Dear Abby: My mom baby-sits for my 3-year-old, "Jessica," while I am at work. Last night I arrived at Mom's to find that she had again left Jessica sleeping in the back seat of her van, still strapped into her car seat. Jessica had been there for an hour, and although the temperature outside was fairly mild, my little girl was red-faced and sweaty.

Mother says I'm overreacting because the van was parked in the driveway with the door left open. But I know of at least one incident last year when she left Jessica sleeping in the van, got distracted with something at the house, and didn't realize my daughter had awakened and been screaming for some time. For weeks, Jessica talked about being left outside alone.

I have asked Mom numerous times not to leave my child sleeping in the car, but her only response is to roll her eyes, tell me I'm making a big deal out of

nothing, and continue to do it. Maybe if Mom heard that someone other than me that it's not OK to leave a child unattended in a car, even in a driveway, she'll stop doing it. Thank!

—Overheated Mom in Massachusetts

Dear Abby



Dear Mom: Do not expect your mother — who is in denial — to listen to me. These incidents are recurring because you are allowing it to happen. Your mother has proven repeatedly that she is too easily distracted and too forgetful to responsibly supervise your daughter. Recognize that your daughter is in danger and make other arrangements for her immediately. To paraphrase an old saying: If something happens once, shame on the perpetrator. If it happens twice, shame on the victim."

Dear Abby: My son works at a place where the employees celebrate birthdays by gathering

for cake. One young employee seems bent on learning everyone's age. Although many people are reluctant to state their age, he persists with his questions to the point of embarrassment.

Abby, our son was a victim of downsizing and recently joined the group. His birthday is in early November, and he is dreading their "celebration" because he is over 50 and fears his supervisors will think he's too old for advancement. How should that young man's question be handled?

—Mother of a Middle-Aged Son

Dear Mother: When the impudent question is asked, your son should reply with a smile, "I'm old enough to know better than to tell you." If the questioner persists, your son can put him in his place, and probably gain the appreciation of everyone else who's been put on the spot by saying: "I'm 29 again, and I'll thank you not to pursue this any further. It's rude."

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at: <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answers: " " " " (Answers tomorrow)

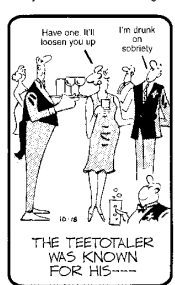
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Answers: ARBOR NATAL CAUGHT TRIBAL

Answer: A popular way to grab a fast lunch — A LA "CART"

Saturday's Jumbles: ARBOR NATAL CAUGHT TRIBAL

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Pesky in-laws interfere too much

Dear Annie: My in-laws have always been intrusive, but I usually manage to control my temper and dismiss their meddling as a desire to help my wife and me. However, now that we are expecting a baby, they have become unbearable.

My father-in-law lectures me about maintenance projects in my house when no maintenance is needed. My mother-in-law constantly tells us what we're doing wrong. Now she's telling us what to name the baby.

My in-laws are behaving in a way my parents never would. It's not that I want to cut off contact, but they don't seem to understand that we need time alone and to make our own decisions.

—Exasperated Son-in-Law

Dear Son-in-Law: First understand that your in-laws may have a different idea of how involved they should be with their married

Annie's Mailbox



child. With the arrival of a new baby, their level of preoccupation goes into overdrive. They may not realize how intrusive and annoying they are.

How does your wife feel about her parents' meddling? She should be the one to tell them to back off, and you need to make her understand why she must speak up and set boundaries. In the meantime, it won't hurt to turn the other cheek.

Dear Annie: I'm an ultra-responsible, 24-year-old man who appears to have it all.

The problem is, I take life too seriously. I don't know how to play. I'm the cerebral type. I analyze, intellectualize and evaluate almost everything I do. I don't laugh a lot and can't seem to let loose and have fun. How can I learn to enjoy things spontaneously, and to react more impul-

sively and instinctively? This shortcoming in my personality has made some of my relationships difficult.

—Prematurely Stuck in Adulthood

Dear Adult: We understand your desire to enjoy life a little more, and it can be done. At first, you will have to push yourself to do those things that seem out of character. (Spontaneity is not so easy to achieve.) Set one goal a week for yourself to do one thing that seems outrageous or unusual.

Keep in mind that if you do not enjoy the results, you might want to stop — and simply accept yourself as you are. Solemnity may not be glamorous, but there's a lot to be said for being responsible and stable. Don't be so hard on yourself.

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Family Circus



"Yep. Whenever Mrs. Clarke raises her eyebrows at me."

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THE BEST INVESTMENT IS ALWAYS THE ONE YOU DIDN'T MAKE

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Dennis the Menace



"I SURE COULD USE ANOTHER SUMMER VACATION ABOUT NOW."

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The Far Side



"I can't believe you... We go in and out of this cave a hundred times a day, but you always just have to try that thing!"

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SCOREBOARD

AFN TV & Radio

Monday
AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m. — Auto racing: IRL Chevy 500 (ind.).
AFN-Sports, 1:00 p.m. — Golf: Chrysler Classic of Greensboro, final round (ind.).
AFN-Sports, 7:30 p.m. — B. Baseball: NLCS, Game 4, St. Louis at Houston (ind.).
AFN-Baseball, 11 a.m. — B. Baseball: ALCS, Game 5, necessary, N.Y. Yankees at Boston.

Tuesday
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. — Baseball: NLCS, Game 5, St. Louis at Houston (ind.).
AFN-Radio, 2 a.m. — Baseball: NLCS, Game 5, St. Louis at Houston (ind.).
AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m. — NFL: Tampa Bay at Buffalo (ind.).
AFN-Radio, 3 a.m. — Pro football: Tampa Bay at Buffalo (ind.).
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Trucks, Silverado 500K (ind.).
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. — College football: Toledo at Miami (ind.).
AFN-Pacific, noon — NFL: Tampa Bay at St. Louis (ind.).
AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Nextel Cup: UAW-Chrysler Quality 500 (ind.).
AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. — NFL: Tampa Bay at St. Louis (ind.).

Wednesday
AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m. — Outdoors: Walt-Marl F. Tour (ind.).
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. — Baseball: ALCS, Game 6, necessary, Boston at N.Y. Yankees.
AFN-Radio, 2 a.m. — Baseball: ALCS, Game 6, necessary, Boston at N.Y. Yankees.
AFN-Sports, 2:30 a.m. — Boxing: Baltimore at Houston (ind.).
AFN-Sports, 3:30 a.m. — Outdoors: Walt-Marl F. Tour (ind.).

All times are Central European Time (indicates daylight savings). All listings are subject to change. Some radio broadcasts are available in the area. Visit www.mylife.net for more information.

Pro football

NFL									
AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Chicago	10	0	0	1.000	98	75	AFC		
N.Y. Jets	8	0	0	1.000	98	75	AFC		
Indianapolis	7	0	0	1.000	98	75	AFC		
Jacksonville	5	0	0	1.000	98	75	AFC		
Miami	0	5	0	.000	42	87	AFC		
South									
Indianapolis	10	0	0	1.000	159	106	AFC		
Jacksonville	7	0	0	1.000	98	75	AFC		
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	118	117	AFC		
North									
Pittsburgh	4	0	0	1.000	132	94	AFC		
Cleveland	3	0	0	1.000	98	75	AFC		
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	98	75	AFC		
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	49	119	AFC		
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	89	110	AFC		
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Philadelphia	10	0	0	1.000	107	56	AFC		
N.Y. Giants	9	0	0	1.000	97	57	AFC		
Washington	4	0	0	1.000	71	85	AFC		
South									
Atlanta	4	0	0	1.000	98	66	AFC		
Carolina	3	0	0	1.000	98	66	AFC		
New Orleans	1	0	0	.250	69	88	AFC		
San Francisco	1	0	0	.250	69	88	AFC		
North									
Detroit	1	0	0	.250	78	72	AFC		
Minnesota	1	0	0	.250	112	94	AFC		
Dallas at Green Bay	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
West									
Seattle	3	0	0	.750	92	46	AFC		
San Francisco	2	0	0	.500	118	113	AFC		
San Francisco	1	0	0	.250	91	87	AFC		
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	67	137	AFC		

Sunday's games									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Green Bay at Detroit	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Oakland at Buffalo	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Atlanta at Tennessee	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
San Diego at Atlanta	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Washington at Chicago	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
San Francisco at N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Seattle at New England	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Denver at Jacksonville	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Cincinnati at Cleveland	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Denver at Oakland	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Minnesota at New Orleans	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Open: Indianapolis, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Baltimore									

Monday's game									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Tampa Bay at St. Louis	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
St. Louis at Miami	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
San Francisco at N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Buffalo at Baltimore	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Atlanta at Kansas City	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
San Francisco at Indianapolis	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Chicago at Tampa Bay	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
San Diego at Carolina	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Philadelphia at Cleveland	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Tennessee at Minnesota	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
N.Y. Jets at New England	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Dallas at Green Bay	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Seattle at Arizona	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
New Orleans at Oakland	1	0	0	.250	99	142	AFC		
Open: Pittsburgh, Washington, San Francisco, Houston									

Monday, Oct. 25
 Denver at Cincinnati

Auto racing

UAW-GM 500

Saturday
At Lowe's Motor Speedway
Lap length: 1.5 miles
Start (position in parentheses)
 1. (9) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 2. (12) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 3. (2) Kurt Busch, Ford, 334, 159.0
 4. (19) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 5. (10) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 6. (11) Elliott Stryker, Ford, 334, 159.0
 7. (4) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 334, 159.0
 8. (5) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 9. (14) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 334, 159.0
 10. (11) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Ford, 334, 159.0
 11. (12) Mark Martin, Ford, 334, 159.0
 12. (13) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 334, 159.0
 13. (11) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Ford, 334, 159.0
 14. (16) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 334, 159.0
 15. (4) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 16. (10) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 17. (14) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 18. (13) Casey Mears, Dodge, 334, 159.0
 19. (13) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 334, 159.0
 20. (12) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 21. (10) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 334, 159.0
 22. (29) Johnny Sauter, Dodge, 334, 159.0
 23. (49) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 24. (32) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 334, 159.0
 25. (12) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 334, 159.0
 26. (10) Kevin Wallis, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 27. (12) Jimmy Spence, Chevrolet, 334, 159.0
 28. (13) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 27, accident, 50.000
 29. (14) Rusty Wallace, Ford, 27, accident, 50.000
 30. (12) Casey Mears, Dodge, 27, accident, 50.000
 31. (18) Greg Biffle, Ford, 265, \$63,550
 32. (34) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 264, accident, 50.000
 33. (31) Jeff Green, Dodge, 238, engine failure, 880.750
 34. (7) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 221, engine failure, 880.750
 35. (10) Dave Blaney, Ford, 218, accident, 880.750
 36. (4) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 30, engine failure, \$2,002
 37. (27) Kevin Lepage, Dodge, 25, ignition, \$24.250
 38. (17) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 22, accident, \$24.250
 39. (37) Greg Sacks, Dodge, 10, accident, \$24.250
 40. (26) Jeff Ulbrich, Dodge, 7, accident, \$24.250
 41. (38) Tony Ralnes, Chevrolet, 1, accident, \$24.250

Race Statistics
Time of Race: 3 hours, 55 minutes, 51 seconds
Marginal Victory: 1:27.2 seconds
Winner's Average Speed: 132.14 mph
Cautions Flagged: Devlin for 53 laps
Lap Leaders: R. Newman: 1-2; E. Stryker: 3-12; K. Busch: 13-16; D. E. Stryker: 17-19; J. Johnson: 20-27; N. Newman: 28-31; J. Johnson: 32-34; K. Busch: 35-38; E. Stryker: 39-41; J. Johnson: 42-44; K. Busch: 45-48; E. Stryker: 49-51.

Menards Infiniti Pro-Stocks
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At Texas Motor Speedway
Saturday
Start (position in parentheses)
 1. (1) Travis G. Barris, Infiniti, 67, 159.0
 2. (3) Al Unser Jr., Infiniti, 67, 159.0
 3. (11) P. Cheson, Dallas-Infiniti, 67, 159.0
 4. (9) Jeff Simmons, Dallas-Infiniti, 67, 159.0
 5. (4) Jon Herb, Dallas-Infiniti, 67, 159.0

6. (15) Rolando Quintanilla, Dallas-Infiniti, 67, 159.0
 7. (13) P. Cheson, Dallas-Infiniti, 67, 159.0
 8. (10) Paul Dana, Dallas-Infiniti, 67, 159.0
 9. (14) Leonard M. Dallas-Infiniti, 67, 159.0
 10. (12) James Cheson, Dallas-Infiniti, 67, 159.0
 11. (11) Ryan Hampton, Dallas-Infiniti, 67, 159.0
 12. (9) Gary Petersen, Dallas-Infiniti, 67, 159.0

Race Statistics
Time of Race: 41 minutes, 38.418 seconds
Winner's Average Speed: 134.034 mph
Cautions Flagged: None
Lap Leaders: None
Point Standings: 1. Medeiros, 513.2; Dana, 264.8; Unser, 252.9; Barris, 218.0; R. M. 104.

Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

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Johnson still dominant on track

His title chances doomed by new format, Johnson just wins races

BY JENNA FRYER

The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Without a miracle, what looked to be a likely championship season for Jimmie Johnson is over.

All that's left for him is winning races.

That's just fine with Johnson. Johnson became the first driver since Dale Earnhardt in 1986 to sweep the season races at Lowe's Motor Speedway, winning the IAW-GM Quality 500 on Saturday night.

The victory did little to help his title hopes. After dominating the season for almost seven months, bad luck has left Johnson stuck in eighth place in the standings — a mountainous 227 points behind leader Kurt Busch.

"You know what? We've just been enjoying each week and not letting ourselves get too serious and not put too much pressure on ourselves," Johnson said. "But it's been tough, no doubt."

Had this been any other season, Johnson would have likely wrapped up the title by now. But this is the first year of NASCAR's 10-man, 10-race playoff system, and Johnson hasn't had much success since it started. Consecutive finishes of 32nd or worse the past two weeks ended his title hopes.

Now he knows nothing short of a collapse by Busch, Dale Earnhardt Jr. or Jeff Gordon will help him get back in the hunt.

For a brief moment Sunday night, it looked as if Johnson might get it.



Brian Vickers' car hits the wall as Matt Kenseth (17) drives past during Saturday night's NASCAR race.

Scott Riggs missed a shift at the start of the race that prevented him from taking off. He tried to get his car out of the way, but there was too much traffic behind him and a chain-reaction crash stacked up behind him.

It caused minor damage to Busch and Gordon, who had to pit several times to make repairs. When racing resumed, Busch was 38th and Gordon 40th.

Still, Gordon rebounded to finish second and Busch was fourth. Earnhardt was third.

Busch holds a 24-point lead over Earnhardt and Gordon is 74 points back.

Busch survived a series of close calls to get his finish, including dodging several wrecks and

driving through oil on the track that nearly caused him to spin.

"It was the adventures of Kurt Busch and team today," Busch said.

Gordon had his own rotten day, spinning out midway through the race and fighting to fix an ill-handling car. Somehow or another, the four-time series champion managed to pull it together and salvage the night.

"There were so many moments today where we could have crumbled, and we stayed calm and came back, and what an amazing finish," Gordon said. "Now we are still in the thick of things."

Almost all of the championship contenders had some sort of struggle, but none of them ended up 14th or better.

Elliot Sadler finished seventh to remain fourth in the standings.

Mark Martin is fifth in the standings, but had a heartbreaking race. He was leading late, until Johnson passed him, but was still on his way to a second-place finish when his back luck hit.

Jimmy Spencer and Brendan Gaughan got into an accident in front of him and Martin couldn't avoid it. After stopping to fix the damage, he was only able to manage a 13th-place finish.

Martin, 186 points behind Busch in the standings, was despondent after the race.

"It's hard for me to believe some of these guys could pass a driver's test," he said.

Els claims sixth title and record paycheck

The Associated Press

VIRGINIA WATER, England — Ernie Els won a record sixth World Match Play title on his 35th birthday, beating Lee Westwood 2 and 1 on Sunday to claim the \$1.5 million purse, the biggest in golf.

Els closed out the 36-hole match by dropping a 20-foot birdie putt on the last 17th hole. The title was his third straight in the event, matching the three he won from 1994 to 1996. Gary Player and Severiano Ballesteros each won the event five times.

It was Els' first victory over Westwood in three matches on the event.

What a feeling. It's a great feeling," Els said. "The golf might not have been the greatest, but match play is like that. I just concentrated on trying to hit greens and fairways."

Westwood, the 2000 champion who won \$720,000, was on the green at the par-5 571-yard 17th in two with Els well short in heavy rough. Els' third shot left him 20 feet short, but it didn't matter when he dropped the putt on top of Westwood's birdie to finish the match.

Park leads by three

PALM DESERT, Calif. — GRACE Park shot a 1-under 71, held onto the lead in the Samsung World Championship, while Annika Sorenstam and Cristie Kerr moved within three shots of the South Korean.

Park was at 16-under 200 through three rounds in the elite 20-player tournament.

Sorenstam, whose 53 career LPGA Tour victories include three titles in this event, matched Kerr with a 69 on the Bighorn Golf Club course.

Amateur Michelle Wie, the teen sensation from Hawaii, turned in a 67 for the best round of the day — and seven strokes better than her first day. Wie, who turned 15 on Monday, put an exclamation point on her round by sinking a 40-foot putt for a birdie 3 on No. 18. The 5-under round moved Wie, in the event of a sponsor's exemption, from 19th to 15th going into the final 18 holes.

Lehman, Gelberger tied

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Tom Lehman shot a 3-under 69 to join Brent Gelberger (71) atop the leader board in the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro at 12-under.

Four players, including 2001 PGA champ David Tom, were a shot back, with another 10 within four strokes of the lead.

Last week in Las Vegas, Lehman led going into the final day before eventually tying for second, one shot back. The 45-year-old Minnesota native has five career victories but none since the 2000 Phoenix Open.

Coast Guard tells Tiger to not do it again

The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Tiger Woods will not be fined for entering San Juan's port aboard his yacht without the proper following his wedding, but the U.S. Coast Guard warned him to not do it again.

Since July 1, new U.S. Homeland Security Department regulations require many boats to submit an arrival notice at least four days before entering a U.S. port. The Coast Guard briefly detained Woods and his wife aboard their 155-foot yacht, the Privacy, after it entered San Juan's port Thursday.

The Privacy's captain said he did not know that the new regulations applied to Puerto Rico, a U.S. Caribbean territory, officials said. The skipper said he stopped in San Juan only to refuel. The Privacy, registered in the Cayman Islands, was allowed to return after immigration authorities spoke with those aboard, including the newlyweds.

Sports briefs

The Coast Guard's captain of the port could have fined Woods up to \$32,500 but since it was a first offense a letter of warning was sent instead, spokesman Lt. Eric Willis said Sunday. "The yacht will be subject to a fine if it happens again," he said.

The golf great and Swedish model Elin Nordegren were married Oct. 5 at a Barbados resort.

Russians sweep Kremlin Cup

MOSCOW — Anastasia Myskina defeated Elena Dementieva 7-5, 6-0 Sunday to retain her title in the first-ever all-Russian final in the Kremlin Cup tennis tournament.

In the men's final, compatriot Nikolay Davydenko beat Greg Rusedski of Britain 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, giving Russia its first sweep of the singles titles in 15 years of simultaneously hosting the ATP and WTA events.

Later in the day, Myskina added to the Russian victory parade, joining countrywoman Vera Zvonareva to take the top-seeded duo of Virginia Ruano Pascual of Spain and Paola Suarez of Argentina 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 in the women's doubles final.

Lopez wins CA Trophy final

VIENNA, Austria — Spain's Feliciano Lopez won his first ATP title Sunday, defeating Guillermo Canas of Argentina 6-4, 1-6, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 in the final of the CA Trophy.

The eighth-seeded Lopez became the first Spaniard to win the tournament, needing 3 hours and 35 minutes to win the first five-set final since 1997.

Tatsunami rallies Chunichi

NAGOYA, Japan — Kazuyoshi Tatsunami hit a game-tying three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning Sunday as the Chunichi Dragons rallied for five runs on their way to an 11-6 victory over the Seibu Lions in Game 2 of the Japan Series.

With the Pacific League champion leading 6-3 and threatening to take a commanding 2 lead in the series, Tatsunami slammed a towering three-run homer to right off Seibu starter Daisuke Matsuzaka at Nagoya Dome to spark the comeback.

Haehnel wins Open de Moselle

MEIZ, France — Jerome Haehnel won his first ATP championship Sunday, beating Richard Gasquet 7-6 (11-9), 6-4 in an all-French final in the Open de Moselle.

Teen wins Tashkent Open

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — Fifteen-year-old Nicole Vladisova of the Czech Republic won the Tashkent Open on Sunday for her second title this year, beating Virginia Razzano of France 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 in the final.

Vladisova upset second-seeded Meghna Shaughnessy in the semifinals. Her other title this year came at the Vancouver Open in August.

Cavaliers cut down to size

Florida St. thumps higher-ranked Virginia

BY BRENT KALLESTAD

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Virginia was ranked higher than Florida State and looking for its first road victory against a top-10 team. The No. 6 Cavaliers couldn't even get a touchdown Saturday.

"When the Florida State defense comes to play... you see what happens," Seminole linebacker Buster Davis said. "We shut teams down."

Wyatt Sexton's precision passing took care of the offense as the No. 7 Seminoles rolled to a 36-3 victory over previously undefeated Virginia and picked up their first victory over a higher ranked team since the 1998 season.

Tailback Lorenzo Booker rushed for a career-high 123 yards and two touchdowns, while Florida State's defense limited Virginia to 20 yards rushing.

"You get no field position and that's a [death] sentence against a team like this," Virginia coach Al Groh said. "It always has been."

Groh said it was the best Florida State he's seen since coming to Virginia four years ago.

"They do nothing to make it easy on an opponent," he said.

Sexton completed 20 of 26 passes for 275 yards and a touchdown despite having five passes dropped. He has completed 66.1 percent of his passes for 846 yards and five touchdowns since replacing Chris Kix as the starter last month.

"I couldn't ask for a better outing from Wyatt," Florida State Bobby Bowden said. "He's gotten better every game. It's kind of too good to be true right now."

Sexton, however, was modest about his second near-flawless performance in three weeks.

"The offensive line made things easy for me," he said. "All I had to do was drop back and do what I've been coached to do."

Florida State (5-1, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) easily played its best game of the season, getting big plays from its special teams and beating Virginia for the seventh straight time at home.

Florida State snapped a string of six straight losses against top-10 opponents. With No. 5 Purdue also losing, the Seminoles will likely move up in the rankings. Their only loss was 16-10 in overtime to Miami in their opener.

Virginia (5-1, 2-1 ACC) came into the game averaging 42.4 points and 493.2 yards, but was unable to run against Florida State's vaunted rush defense, which gave up just 3 yards in the first half.

Virginia's only points came on a 23-yard field goal by Connor Hughes as time expired in the first half.

Only the elusiveness of Virginia quarterback Marques Hagans got the Cavaliers on the scoreboard. Under a heavy rush all night, Hagans managed to complete nine of 11 passes to set up the field goal.

Hagans completed 20 of 30 passes for 214 yards with one interception before leaving after three quarters in favor of Christian Olsen.

Sexton, meanwhile, was slicing up the Cavaliers. The sophomore shook off the early drops and completed pass after pass, one a perfectly thrown ball to Chancey Stovall, who outjumped Virginia's Marcus Hamilton for the ball and a 19-0 lead.

Despite four drops, Sexton completed 16 of 21 passes for 179 yards and a touchdown in the first half, throwing to nine receivers.

Florida State's special teams started the scoring. Linebacker Ernie Sims broke free from his left side and blocked Sean Johnson's punt into the end zone midway through the first quarter for a safety.



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Wisconsin's Robert Brooks, front, and Scott Starks hit quarterback Kyle Orton forcing a fumble that Starks returned for the game-winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Wisconsin pounces on Purdue miscues

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI

The Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — With less than three minutes to play and Wisconsin trailing Purdue by three points, Badgers cornerback Scott Starks suddenly had the game sitting at his feet.

Starks returned a fumble by Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton 40 yards for a touchdown to lift 10th-ranked Wisconsin to a 20-17 victory over No. 5 Purdue.

The Boilermakers (5-1, 2-1 Big Ten) were clinging to a 17-14 lead when Orton went off on a naked bootleg and lunged in an attempt to gain a first down. Starks hit Orton low and safety Robert Brooks hit him high, forcing the fumble.

Starks scooped up the loose ball and sprinted to the end zone with 2:36 to play, capping a stunning comeback for the Badgers (7-0, 4-0), who are 7-0 for just the second time since 1912.

"If the ball would've been bouncing around, I probably would have just covered it," Starks said. "But it was just sitting there. I saw the perfect opportunity there."

The play was reviewed, and re-plays showed the ball was out before Orton's arm hit the ground.

"I've been in this racket for a long time," Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez said. "And I've never been part of a game like this."

Orton tried to recover on the ensuing series, driving the Boilermakers to the Wisconsin 25, but Ben Jones' 42-yard field goal was wide right, and the Badgers ran out the clock.

"We had a chance at the end; we just blew it," Orton said.

Until Starks' big play, the Boilermakers — not the Badgers — appeared poised to join Michigan as the only Big Ten teams with perfect conference records.

Orton scored from 6 yards out

with 8 minutes to play — the first scoring run allowed by the Badgers this season — to give Purdue a 17-7 lead.

That kicked off a scoring binge at the end of a game that had been a defensive slugfest.

Badgers sophomore quarterback John Stocco calmly led a 73-yard drive and hit Booker Stanley for a 17-yard TD that pulled Wisconsin within 17-14.

After playing so well for the first three quarters, the Purdue defense let this one slip away. Kyle Smith had a chance to seal the decision, but dropped a potential interception that hit right between the numbers. Five plays later, Stocco found Stanley for the score.

"There were plays there to be made," Purdue coach Joe Tiller said. "The defense had a chance to make a play to stop the drive, and they didn't. The offense had a chance to make a play to keep a drive going, and they didn't. The kicking game had a chance to make a play, and they didn't. When you don't make plays, you don't beat a team like Wisconsin."

Fittingly, it was Wisconsin's defense that did come through.

"A lot of guys don't do that, a lot of guys just jump on the ball," Alvarez said of Starks' big play. "His awareness was unbelievable."

The Boilermakers came into the game averaging more than 500 yards and 41.8 points a game, but Orton and company were shut down on Saturday. They hadn't faced a defense as tough as Wisconsin's, which entered leading the nation in scoring yield at 6.5 points a game.

Orton was 25-for-45 for 235 yards and a touchdown, but had a pass intercepted and lost two fumbles in critical situations.

"They're a very good defense," Orton said. "The best front I've probably ever seen in the Big Ten."

Boise St. extends streak on late FG

BY CLAYTON BELLAMY

The Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Tyler Jones never doubted he'd be able to kick with the game on the line.

Antwan Carter scored on a 2-yard run with less than two minutes remaining, and Jones kicked a 46-yard field goal with 3 seconds remaining to rally No. 21 Boise State to a 45-42 victory over Tulsa on Saturday night.

"It's taken me a long time to get to a situation like this in my career," Jones said. "I was just proud to be able to make the kick and of being prepared."

"There was no doubt in my mind about making that kick."

Carter scored with 1:24 left to tie the game 42-42 as the Broncos (6-0, 3-0 Western Athletic Conference) won their 17th straight, the longest winning streak in the nation.

James Kilian threw three touchdown passes, including a 23-yarder to Cory Hathaway, to give Tulsa the lead in the fourth quarter. Kilian also ran for two scores for the Golden Hurricane (1-5, 0-2).

"There's a lot of guys in there right now because it was a game we felt like, going into the game, we could have won," Tulsa coach Steve Krathgrorpe said. "As the game unfolded, it was a game we felt like we could win."

Boise State took possession at its 39 with 46 seconds remaining. Carter picked up 13 yards on two runs, caught a 3-yard pass, helping move the Broncos to the Tulsa 28 and set up Jones' winning field goal.



Boise State kicker Tyler Jones jumps in celebration after making a field goal in the final seconds of the game, while Tulsa's Jermaine Hope stands amid the Boise State celebration on Saturday night.

Tulsa's last chance went by the board when Ashtlan Davis lost a fumble at the Boise State 48 as time expired.

"I enjoyed the whole game," Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said. "I really did. A lot of times people say it's nerve-racking, but for me, it's a chess match."

Jared Zabransky rushed for two touchdowns and threw for one as Boise State extended its conference winning streak to 21 games, a stretch that dates to the year when the Broncos joined the WAC.

T.J. Acree caught nine passes for 181 yards, including TD receptions of 7 and 28 yards from Zabransky.

Zabransky finished 17-for-31 for 233 yards. He rushed for 80 yards on 12 carries, including touchdowns of 11 and 5 yards.

Boise State hasn't lost since falling 26-24 at Oregon State Sept. 20, 2003, but that streak appeared in jeopardy when Kilian scored from the 1 with 16 seconds left in the third quarter, giving Tulsa a 35-28 lead.

Boise State's 23-yard run capped a 90-yard scoring drive and tied the game at 42 after Kilian's pass to Hathaway.

Tulsa failed to get a first down and had to punt, giving the ball back to the Broncos with just enough time left to win it or, failing that, force overtime.

Irish start fast, extend streak over Mids to 41

BY KENT BAKER
The Baltimore Sun

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Streak is very much alive and still getting Navy's goat.

This was supposed to be the year when the previously unvanquished Midshipmen could play with Notre Dame and possibly end the longest-running domination by one school over another in NCAA Division I-A history.

But the Irish seized the initiative from the outset Saturday at Giants Stadium and squashed Navy's lofty hopes, 27-9, before 76,166 wind-chilled fans.

The defeat spilled Navy (5-1) from the list of 14 Division I-A teams that entered the weekend undefeated and extended to 41 its consecutive failures against the Irish, which performed like a team that has its sights set on an attractive bowl bid. Navy has not won in the series since 1963, when Roger Staubach was a junior en route to the Heisman Trophy.

There was no close call or heart-breaking ending this time. Notre Dame (5-2) marched 81 and 68 yards to touchdowns on its first two possessions, taking firm control it never relinquished. Super-

or talent, size and speed were simply too much to overcome for Navy, which could not muster the near-perfect effort it required to remain competitive.

"When we got it down to 17-3 [at the start of the second half], they proceeded to just mash us again," said Navy coach Paul Johnson. "This year they beat us pretty good."

The Midshipmen received the second-half kickoff and drove 81 yards to a 29-yard Geoff Blumenfeld field goal, their chance for a touchdown foiled by a Marco Nelson fumble on a pitch.

Notre Dame had an immediate answer: Senior running back Ryan Grant accounted for 64 of the 73 yards covered via rushes or pass receptions, taking a pitch the final yard for a touchdown to restore order at 24-3. On the next play from scrimmage, Navy receiver Lloyd Regas fumbled on a reverse and Derek Landri recovered for the Irish at the Navy 13.

A second D.J. Fitzpatrick field goal followed, boosting the margin to 24 points and effectively ending any remaining suspense.

"We had to play mentally perfect to have a chance in this game and we didn't do that," said Navy

quarterback Aaron Polanco, who was sacked five times and did not complete a pass until the seventh play of the fourth quarter.

Notre Dame's lines pushed their counterparts all over the field early. A harbinger of what was to come arrived on the first drive when the Midshipmen surrendered only their second first-quarter touchdown this season. The other was by Northeastern — after an interception return to the Navy 1.

In addition, ill-timed mistakes or misfortune kept undermining the Midshipmen.

Linebacker Lane Jackson appeared to have aim on Irish quarterback Brady Quinn on a first-quarter blitz, but fell. Quinn sidestepped him and completed a third-down pass to Matt Shelton for a 30-yard gain.

Two plays later, Grant scored his first touchdown for a 14-0 lead.

Guard Dennis Ray Phillips jumped offside when Navy was trying to convert a fourth-and-1 at its own 26 on the first play of the second quarter. The Midshipmen had to punt.

The Midshipmen were still holding onto when their run-



Navy punt returner Jason Tomlinson is tackled by Notre Dame punter D.J. Fitzpatrick (19) after a 25-yard return in the fourth quarter.

ning game began clicking on their first second-half possession, but they never mustered a spark that might have changed the tenor.

"The defense needed to get some turnovers, and we didn't get a single one," said safety Josh Smith.

It marked the second consecutive season in which the Irish did

not give away the ball once against Navy.

Navy managed 216 net yards rushing on 61 carries.

"The reason we were running the ball so much is that we couldn't protect to throw it," said Johnson. "It doesn't make much sense to throw it when the quarterback is looking up at the sky every time he drops back."

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A Boston massacre



In New York's 19-8 victory Saturday, the Yankees broke the second-most runs in a playoff game and their 22 hits broke the ALCS record set by Boston against the Yankees in 1999. Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield, Hideki Matsui and Bernie Williams were 16-for-22 with 15 RBIs and 14 runs.

Yankees take 3-0 lead over beleaguered Sox

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Yankees kept circling the bases, battering Boston's beleaguered pitching staff. By the time the long, long night ended with a devastating 19-8 romp over the Red Sox, the dreaded New Yorkers were just one game away from a shocking sweep.

Gary Sheffield, Hideki Matsui and Alex Rodriguez turned Game 3 of the AL championship series into a big round of batting practice Saturday night.

Sheffield broke a 6-all tie with a three-run homer off Curtis Leskanen in the fourth inning, Matsui had five hits, five RBIs and five runs, and Rodriguez homered and scored five times.

"We feel like we have a whole lot of momentum," Rodriguez said. "It doesn't matter who we're facing."

New York, which has won six straight post-season games, had 22 hits, eight of them doubles. That was more than enough offense on a night Javier Vazquez relieved an ineffective Kevin Brown to get just his second win in more than two months.

No major league baseball team has overcome a 3-0 deficit in a best-of-seven series, and 20 of the 25 that lost the first three games went down in four straight. The Yankees have four tries to get the victory they need for the seventh AL pennant in nine seasons since Joe Torre took over as manager, their 40th overall.

"We knew going in that it was going to be a tough series," Torre said. "To be up 3-0, I think we're surprised."

Orlando Hernandez will try to close it out Sunday night for the Yankees, but Boston



In a scene that played out continually on Saturday night, Boston manager Terry Francona, left, removes a pitcher from Game 3. Red Sox starter Bronson Arroyo, right, gave up six runs, six hits and two homers in two innings.

most starting Derek Lowe. Tim Wakefield, originally slated to start Game 4, was used in relief Saturday.

The game took 4 hours, 20 minutes, the longest nine-inning game in postseason history. It was a tribute to the batters and an embarrassment to pitchers, many of whom resembled castoffs from cellar-dwellers rather than key components of contenders.

Even when the Yankees took an 11-6 lead in a five-run fourth, the crowd of 35,126 at Fenway Park stayed put, knowing the Red Sox had nearly overcome an eight-run deficit in Tuesday's opener. But New York kept scoring

and the fans grew quiet, as if doom already had descended on a town that wants nothing more than to shake The Curse.

That may be tough.

"It starts to look daunting if you look at too big a picture," Boston manager Terry Francona said.

The hits and runs came so quickly it was hard to keep track how many the Yankees put up. The runner running the hand-operated board fell behind in the ninth inning, and couldn't replace the panels fast enough.

The night's Big Three — Sheffield, Matsui and Rodriguez — did plenty of damage on their own, going 12-for-16 with five doubles, four homers and 12 RBIs.

There were 170 pitches in the first three innings, which took 1:45 to play. Brown and Boston's Bronson Arroyo didn't make it to the third.

Vazquez, with just one win in 10 starts since Aug. 6, allowed two runs in the third inning and two in the seventh, but shut down Boston for three innings in between. He allowed four runs and seven hits in 4 1/2 innings before Paul Quantrill entered in the seventh, one out after a two-run homer by Jason Varitek.

Sheffield, who had four hits and four RBIs, turned the game in the fourth, when the score was 6-6. Mendoza hit Miguel Cairo with a pitch leading off, and Leskanen relieved with one out and walked Rodriguez. Sheffield then homered over the Green Monster.

The scoring began 13 pitches in, when Rodriguez doubled home Derek Jeter. Matsui's two-run homer into the right-field bullpen made it 3-0.

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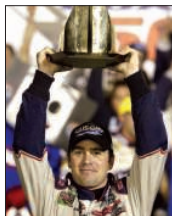
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